# Seminole 

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
In a proactive effort aimed at protecting Tribal employ-
and citizens from the H1N1 virus, Council leaders and the ees and citizens from the H1N1 virus, Council leaders and the
Seminole Health Department hosted a recent four-day vacSeminole Health Department hosted a recent four-day vac-
cination campaign on the Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton and Immokalee reservations.
More than 230 employees received with the vaccine, ac cording to Health Department officials.
All participated at different All participated at different locations through Maxim
Health Care Services, Heal 4 . on Jan. 11-14 Thomas Ballard, the Tribal Health Department Spe-
Ther
Ther campaign, said the event gave the numerous departments involved the opportunity to execute a plan which has been months in the making
"This was somet (including gaming) because they did not have to find this in

* Please see H1N1 on page 2A

Tribe Celebrates 50 Years in 4-H

BRIGHTON - Past, present and future 4-H program members celebrated the Seminole Tribe's 50th year of in
volvement in the international life skills learning organization during a recent banquet at Brighton's Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.
Brighton Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. welcomed everyone
to his home reservation and shared a few Tribe 4-H memoto his home reservation
riis with the audience.
President President Richard
Bowers Jr. thanked ev-
eryone for eryone for their hard
work in putting on the work in putting on the
Dec. 16 anniversary
these young to see all these young 4-Hers
getting started," Big getting started," Big
Cypress Rep. Paul
Rowers Bowers Sr. told the
audience. "Hopefully audience. "Hopefully
these young kids will enjoy it."
4-H was founded
in 1902 and has more in 1902 and has more
than six million young than six million young
adult participants. The organization offers students the opportunity
for hands-on learning for hands-on learning
activities in three activities in three ar-
eas: healthy living, citeas: healthy living, cit- (L-R) 4 -H members Camryn Thomas izenship and science. and Brighton Junior Miss Aiyana Tom-
Members clubs, attend camps N苛: and enter their projects mie look at pitan
year in 4-H.
celebrating its 100th anns. The state of Florida is currently President Bowers presented Tribe 4-H director Polly
Hayes and her assistant, Dionne Smedley, with silver 4-H

Please see 4-H on page 2A
Students Get Up Close with the Government on Close Up Trip

## Tribe Celebrates Annual Winterfest with Reception, Boat Parade

## Y CHRIS C. JENKINS

FORT LAUDERDALE - Tribal
izens, celebrities, employees and oth er guests celebrated the holiday season during the Winterfest Boat Parade. The 2009 Winterfest celebration, whose theme was "That's Entertain-
ment," kicked off on Friday, Dec 11 with Co-Grand Marshals Alonzo Mourning, Lorenzo Lamas and Kim Grand Marshal reception in the Passion nightclub at Seminole Paradise.
"It was a tremendous honor and I thank them for allowing me to be a part of such a rich holiday tradition," said
Mourning, who retired from profession al basketball in January after a stellar 16-year career. "I was excited about the opportunity and the impact this even
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Despite heavy rain early on Dec. ebration attracted dozens of vessels that ranged from private boats and show boats to corporate yachts.
"This is the only parade where the floats actually float," Winterfest Chairman and Hollywood Tribal Council
Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. joked.
Other featured vessels included the

## Chairman Cypress Delivers Toys to Florida City

SY ELIZABETH Reporter

FLORIDA CITY - Josephine Lupercio had been living with her sister to save money and knew
the possibility of affording toys for her three grand children was remote.
So when Lupercio heard that the Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida would be giving out Christmas toys for children at nearby Loren Roberts Park, she made sure she was one of the first few
community members in line. community members in line.
minutes and ended up with a toy for each grandchild, whose ages range from 5 to 12 years old. "I really appreciate it," said a tearful Lupercio,
who hugged Chairman Mitchell Cypress tightly af who hugged Chairman Mitchell Cypress tightly af
ter receiving the gifts. "My husband is on disability, ter receiving the gifts. "My husband is on disability,
so it's month to month. If it wasn't for [Chairman Cypress], I wouldn't have any gifts for my grandCypress, , I wouldn thave any gifts for my grand
kids this Christmas."
Lupercio was one of more than 500 Florida City residents who attended the toy giveaway sponsore by the Chairman on Dec. 22. For each of the pas seven years, Chairman Cypress has held a Christmas
toy drive in early December. The toys are donated toy drive in early December. The toys are donated
to children at locations throughout South Florida, including the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in


For the first time since he began doing the toy cess of the event and added that Florida City will be drives, the Chairman made the trip to Florida City, added permanently to the list of future distribution drives, the Chairman made the trip to Florida City, added permanently to the list of future distribution

55 miles south of the Hollywood Reservation, to do- locations for Christmas toys. nate more than 1,500 toys to residents there. Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie assisted in Residents lined up for more than two hours to organizing the toy drive and distribution. She said for children who reside in the modest, working class priceless.
neighborhood adjacent to the park. "To some of the kids it seems overwhelming; Chairman Cypress was touched by the stories their eyes are so big and they're wondering which
he heard from Lupercio and other parents whose one to take", she said "There are so many peopl he heard from Lupercio and other parents whose one to take, she said. "There are so many people only wish was for their children to have a merry that donated excellent toys this year."
Tommie said she was happy with how the event "It hit me hard when she made the statement turned out overall.
that she didn't know where the Christmas presents "The Chairman has funded and worked very were going to come from for the children." Chair- closely with local organizations to bring a smile man Cypress said, "My mom was more or less a to a child's face during the holiday season," Tomsingle parent. We've been in that situation before mie said. "Every child is leaving with something so
and you just got little things like oranges, a bag of we're very, very pleased. nd you just got little things like oranges, a bag of we re very, very pleased.
 ents felt based on his personal experience as a single on hand to assist with the distribution. She told parent. "My wife died ber 87 "My wife died back in ' 87 and I had two girls," Chairman Cypress shared. "I had to buy two little
gas trucks from the Hess station that I could afford. They said 'Daddy, I accept it.' I know how [the parhave been Christmas. "We're here with the Seminole Tribe...to serve our community and put a smile on these children's
faces," she said. ents] feel."

Patron Showboat, the Florida Panthers living in at-risk communities, and pro- $\begin{aligned} & \text { After being diagnosed with focal } \\ & \text { Ice Skating Rink and the Santa Show- vides support and services to enhance } \\ & \text { glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), he launched }\end{aligned}$ Ice Skating Rink and the Santa Show- vides support and services to enhance glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), he launched
boat.
the lives of youth. It was established in
along the docks to the west along the docks to the west side of the historic Strana-
han House near the Broward Center for the Performing
Arts on Las Olas Boulevard. The parade then traveled east and continued north to Santa Barbara in Pompano Many people lined the edge of the Intrit
watch the parade.
The Seminole Tribe of
Florida continued its tradit Florida continued its tradi-
tion of being a major support er and title sponsor of event. er and title sponsor of event.
The Winterfest Boat Parade
remains a Top 10 spectator event in the U.S. and a Top 20 to its official Web site, www winterfestparade.com. Mourning has been ac-
tively involved in community service in South Florida since mid-1990s. His primary nonprofit organization, Alonzo profit organization, Alonzo
Mourning Charities Inc., as-
sists children and families


Winterfest Chairman and Hollywood Tribal

(L) Tribal citizen and employee Everett Osceola answers some standar questions from a maximealle Ele WINTERFEST From page 1A

Zo's Fund for Life, a campai seeking to raise money for research, education, and raise funds
for those that cannot afford medifor those that cannot afford medi-
cation to fight the disease. It is cation to fight the disease. It is
known to cause kidney failure in adults. He also founded the Over-
town Youth Center in Miami for town Youth Center
underprivileged kids. $\begin{gathered}\text { Mourning's } \\ \text { have raised close to }\end{gathered}$ organizations
$\$ 10$ million have raised close to $\$ 10$ million
combined. Lamas is known for play-
ing Lance Cumson on the popular 1980s soap opera Falcon Crest, Reno Raines on the 1990s crime drama Renegade, and Hece
Ramirez on the daytime soap oper The Bold and the Beautiful.
as a socialite, model, actress, businesswoman, and television per sonality. She is best known in her
role on the E! reality show "Keeprole on the E! reality show "Keep-
ing Up with the Kardashians." She also is the daughter of attorney Robert Kardashian, a member of O.J. Simpson's legal team during
his murder trial in the mid-1990s.


Mourning thanks the staff and organizers of the Grand Marshal Reception held Dec. 11 in Seminole Paradise's
Passion nightclub.

Protect yourself and others against H1N1

## * Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue

 when you cough or sneeze Wash your hands often with soap and effective.* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
* Try to avoid close contact with sick people. * If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay passes. Keep away from others to avoid get passes. Keep away from others to avoid get
ting them sick
do not want to get them sick," Osceola said
"I thought to myself based on the feared outbreak (in the Tribe), I needed to be cautious about it all."
at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena on the Brighat the Fred Smin Rodeo Arena on the Brigh
ton Reservation, agreed. ton Reservation, agree
have been getting the regular flu shots and so I figured I better go ahead and get the
shot for it as well", Rich said "One of shot for it as well," Rich said. "One of my
coworkers came down with it and was out for two weeks, so I knew it was pretty seriif there was any way to prevent getting it, I Ranth.
Raid the process for him was easy
with no problems. He noted that the media hype played a role in his decision to get the vaccination and he would recommend that other people get vaccinated. Maxim Health Care Nurse Kathy Palmer said the H1N1 virus can be dangerous for young people because their bodies have not had the oppor
tunity to develop an immunity to the illness Ballard said there have been a few ran-


## CLOSE UP

| From page 1A |
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| states were divided into workgroups |
| the | throughout the week, and they participated

in structured in structured learning activitites each day.
Throubhout the wek , they were given nues. Throughout the week, they were given ques-
tions hhat dealt with citizens rights and retions that dealt with citizens rights and re-
sponsibilities in a democracy. On the final night, each group put together a display for parents and teachers that answered the ques-
tions and showed highlights from their week tions and showed highlights from their week
in national capital region in national capital region.
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They began the week by visiting the
Jamestown settlement near Williamsburg, Va. The group stepped aboard a replica of Ca. The group stepped aboard a replica of
the Susan Constant, one of the three ships
that carried that carried British colonists to the New
World to establish a settlement in Virginia.
The World to establish a settlement in Virginia.
They also toured a life-size recreation of a
Pow Powhatan Indian village and colonist fort.
They learned about the influence that the They learned about the influence that the
British government had on its settlers and Bow the Anglican Church played a major
role in the colony's
role in the colony's government.
The next stop was colonial Williams-
burg, where students interacted with men burg, where students interacted with men
and women dressed in traditional 18th Century attire. Students visited several trade shops on the 301 -acre historic site, including a pharmacy, blacksmith, printing press and
the capitol. At the capitol, students learned the capitol. At the capitol, students learned
how Virginians voted in that building for in-


While on
walking tour of
Washington Washington that
ended at the Capitol, students visited
the U.S. Supreme Court and some took
a peek inside the a peek inside the
nation's oldest federal cultural institution, the Library of
Congress. They also
made presentations in front of the National World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War
memorials about those respective conflicts, as well as the Lincoln Memorial about the Civil War. "Seeing the wall was cool [and] all the people that risked their lives," said Kailin
Brown from Brighton, referring to the World Brown from Brighton, referring to the World
War II memorial. Students also visited the Thomas Jeffer-
and the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorials, took photos in front of the White House and Washington Monument, and viewed he changing of the guard at the Tomb of Cemetery. They also paid their respects to the late President John F. Kennedy and U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, who died last year.


Melany Williams, Keyana Nelson,
plore at the Smithsonian Museum.

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 in the Tribe, but allwere contained. were contained.
Others held the Others held the
opinions and skepticism of Tribal em-
ployee
Claudette ${ }^{\text {pleyee }}$ Phe feels the demand for the vac-
cine has outnumbered its reliability. "I was just not
secure about it (the
vaccination) atl," vaccination) at all,"
Pierre said. "I fee
they (the they (the govern-
ment) did not do $\begin{array}{cc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Staff }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { writers } \\ \text { Bachel }\end{array} \\ \text { Buxton }\end{array}$ Rache Tobias and
Naji
Judy tributed to this re-

music recording artist John Anderson.
 bers from all reservations included cookies, Billie Swamp Safari, along with many other
fruit, barbecue sauce and many other sea- items donated by members of the 4-H comsonal goodies.
Guests also participated in a silent auc- mittee. A live auction was held on stage that tion to help raise money for the Tribe's 4-H Anderson, as well as a cowboy hat donated
club. Items included Indian skirts, blankets by the music duo The Bellamy Brothers

(L-R) Mary Jane Billie and Debbie Osceola from Trail take part in the friendly
silent auction. silent auction.

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residents Tribal residents
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the Tomahawk
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ing service, pre-
pared barbecue pared barbecue
ribs, macaroni and
cheese, and baked cheese, and baked
beans for the banquet. During the
dinner, the audience of approxi-
mately 100 people mately 100 people
viewed a special
documentary predocumentary pre-
sentation on the
history of 4-H in
the Tribe. the Tribe.
"To where you are go-
ing, you have to know where you
came from," Holcame from," Hol-
lywood Rep. Mar-


Beulah Gopher looks over items in the silent auc-
$\frac{\text { tion. }}{\text { cellus Osceola Jr. told the audience. "I think }}$ we've established that (with 4-H). The sky is
the limit for this program." the limit for this program.' Rep. Osceola also informed 4-H mem-
bers that Hollywood is in the process of bers that Hollywood is in the process of
recruiting more participants for the Tribe's

The banquet's guest speakers, State of lorida 4-H Leader Dr. Marilyn Norman and varry Arrington, Vice President of the Uni-
versity of Florida's Institute of Food and Agthe importance of the Tribe's 4-H participation and history.
and $4-\mathrm{H}$ is part of hastory and our heritage said. "We value our partnership that we have with the Seminole Tribe and University of Anderson performed hits "Swingin', "Black Sheep" and "Straight Tequila Night."
He ended with his locally popular hit, "SemHe ended with his locally popular hit, "Sem-
inole Wind," which pays tribute to the Tribe. To commemorate Anderson's partnerAnderson with a Seminole patchwork jacket that included the 4-H design in honor of the anniversary. Anderson has been presented
with two other Seminole patchwork jackets.

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##  <br>  Community


(L-R) Elgin Jumper, aecompanied by cousin Blue Jumper on the guitar, recites Shakesan works for the audence in attendance at the Creative Expressions open mic night

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## Creative Expressions Nights Back in Hollywood

## Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - Poets, writers, artists singers and storytellers had the opportunity to dis-
play their talent in time for the holidays in the latest play their talent in time for the holidays in the latest
Creative Expressions showcase held at the Native
Village.
Tribal poet, author and artist Elgin Jumper headlined the Dec. 16 event and served as the mas-
ter of ceremonies. "I am glad for the continued support for the project and I am so grateful to still be involved
with it," said Jumper, a three-year participant. "It is about creative expression in a way that can be supported.
With With past shows on the Brighton, Immokalee
and Big Cypress Reservations and Big Cypress Reservations, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki
Museum Education Coordinator Diane Stone said the support for the arts seem strong, particularly in Hollywood and Big Cypress. Osceola's Pizza in Big Cypress and the Hollywood Tribal headquarters have been regular spots for showcases. "Elgin has been the frontrunner with opportunities to perform and this allows individuals to
come and just share their art," Stone said. "We are

Jumays looking for something new to present."
Jumper and Stone credited Seminole Recreation Department Director Moses "Bigg" Jumper port of the event throughout its run. "The response we have gotten has been very
positive overall," Stone said. "We are still perfecting things like where and when we have it.",
Jumper recited works from his favorite writers and poets such as British playwright William
Shakespeare. Jumper also shared several of his Shakespeare. Jumper also shared several of his
own original pieces, including "Yesterday Was My own original pieces, including "Yesterday Was My
Birthplace," "Teardrops Stolen from Crocodiles," Birthplace," "Teardrops Stolen from Crocodiles,"
"Native Poems," and "You."
Hip-hop artist, deejay and poet Zach Battiest Hip-hop artist, deejay and poet Zach Battiest
said the experience at the show, his first, and per-
formance was reffeshing It also was his first time formance was refreshing. It also was his first time
on stage since competing in Seminole Star Search on stage since competing in Seminole Star Search
in London earlier this year.
"I have been looking for "I have been looking for on stage," said Battiest, who co-owns the Native
Village facility with his father, Junior Battiest. "The whole thing has given me the drive I need and makes me anxious to do it again."
The next scheduled show will be held on Jan. The next scheduled show will be held on Jan.

Council Holds Special Meeting in Brighton and Honors Graduates


Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. presents Brighton Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. presents Brighton
resident D'Anna Osceola with a small gift for her academic
accomplishments.
and plans to earn a master's degree
from the same institution. "I'm just very thankful for where for everyone's support," Osceola told
the Council Heather Peterson also was hon-
tred for her Phien ored for her achievement in earring
her associate degree from Hillsborough her associate degree from Hills
Community College in Tampa. "I just want to thank you for pushing education," Peterson said. "I think it's the most important thing that gets
you places in life." Following P

## Rep. Bowers' presen- tation, Miss Florida Seminole tation, Miss Florida Seminole Seminole Princess Britany Smith ad- dressed the Council for the first time since beginning her reign in July. "It's a great honor being here to rep- resent the Tribe not only here in the state of Florida but when of Florida but when I travel," Smith said "Thank you for allowing young women to go out and represent the Tribe just as a role model for the youth." The Dec. 21 meet- ing proceeded with the consent and regular agenda with 36 resolutions being passed including: including: Resolution Resolution

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vatit airs Indian Reservation Roads Trans-
portation
Program


Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Education Coordinator Diane Stone sings the classic Christmas song "Silent Night" in the spirit of the holiday season at the Creative Expres-
sions night performances.


Miss Florida Seminole Princess Brittany Smith stands before the Tribal Council for the first time, thanking them for their support.
-reaffirming the Tribal transportation funds priority list for fiscal years 2010, Resolution 35: Approval of agreement with Seminole Design-Build, Inc. for Immokalee First Baptist Church retention pond; ratification of execution; Resolution 37: Revocable permit
between Seminole Tribe of Florida (permittor) and Florida Trail Association, Inc. (permittee) - Big
Seminole Indian Reservation; minole Indian Reservation;
Resolution 39: Issuance of revocapermit between Jacob Osceola (per-

D/B/A Bill's Bar-B-Que Dream (per mittee) - Hollywood Seminole India Reservation;
Resolution
Resolution 40: Approval of revoFable permit between Seminole Tribe of Florita (permittor) and June Lena Bat-
tiest D/B/A Panther Pressure Cleaning and Painting (permittee) - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation; and,
Resolution 41: Renewal Resolution 41: Renewal of revoc ble permit between Jacob Osceola (per-
mittor) and Pinpoint Marketing, D/B/A mittor) and Pinpoint Marketing, D/B/A A Flower Depot (permittee) - Holly
wood Seminole Indian Reservation.

BC Boys \& Girls Club Holds Fear Factor

BY THOMMY DOUD
BIG CYPRESS Members of the Big press Boys \& Girls Club
put their fears aside put their fears aside as they
competed in the Friday the $13^{\text {th }}$ Fear Factor.

Participants completed
series of events Nov. 13, including the Rotten Egg Relay, the Blind Slime Find,
and the final and the final challenge,
the Dreaded Wheelbarrow Race. During the wheelbarrow race Each participant raced using only their arms as their partner held their legs. However, unlike tradi-
tional human wheel barrow tional human wheel barrow
races, participants also col lected objects buried in slop using only their mouths.
 Competition was fierce from the start of the event.
Children ran with rotten Children ran with rotten
eggs on a spoon, digging t
filled eggs on a spoon, digging their hands blindly into a container
filled with slime and slop. The slop flew as the final three teams raced head to head, submerging their faces into each slop-filled container. The youngsters cheered for their favorite team as the finalists made their way to the finish line. The race was close but the team of John Robbins, 10 , and Chaska Osceola, 9 , pulled off the win.
For more information about the Big Cypress Boys \& Girls Club at Ahfachkee School or the next Fear Factor, please contact Thommy Doud at 954-410-0957.

## Jewel Buck Named Okeechobee Football Queen



Emma Urbina (R) says she's proud of her daughter Jewel's (L) accomplishme

## BY RACHEL BUXTON <br> Staff Reporter

OKEECHOBEE - Jewel Buck of the Brighton Reservation has been named Okeechobee High School Class of 2010 Football Queen.
she walked across te ted her school and Tribe on Nov. 3 as escorted by football player Brent Harden during the homecoming halftime presentation.
because I don't see a lot of Se represent the Tribe most of all Buck, the daughter of Jessie and Emma Urbina.
The title Football Queen is given out each year to the senior sports medicine trainer of the Okeechobee football team. Buck became a sports medicine trainer for the team after attending
a three-day training course at the University of South Florida in Tampa during the summer of 2008. She returned for further training in the summer of 2009.
The training course teaches students about emergency situations and how to handle caring for sport-related injuries. Buck who plays on the varsity track and basketball teams
said she plans to further her education and attend school for said she plans to further her education and attend school for a
degree in sports medicine "I've been around s

## Council Holds Second

 Special Meeting in BrightonNOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AGENCY Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

ACTION:
Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of a home on trust property for Rosetta Rhodd. The approximately 1.5 acre lot is located at 48 South, Range 33 East, Section 1, Hendry County, Florida, which is located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated October 2009, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Rosetta Rhodd New Home Site Lease, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for the approval of the home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impact to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office or the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 5201 Ravenswood Road, Suite 105, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965-4380.

APPEALS: "This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made."

For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 564-6832

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: $\quad$ Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of a home on trust property for Clifton Eugene Huggins. The approximately 1.5 acre lot is located at 48 South, Range 33 East, Section 2, Hendry County, Florida, which is located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypres Reservation. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated October 2009, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Clifton Eugene Huggins Home Site Lease, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for the approval of the home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

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AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of an organic processing/compost facility on John's Family Enterprises trust property on the Brighton Reservation of the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida. The BIA has approved and adopted the revision of the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated December 2009, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Environmental Assessment, John's Family Enterprises, LLC Lease Site, Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida, Brighton Reservation, Glades County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for the approval of the facility construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed facility construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office or the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 5201 Ravenswood Road, Suite 105, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965-4380.

APPEALS: "This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made."
For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214 , telephone (615) 564-6832

(L-R) Seminole
High School.

## Seminole Culture Displayed Through Art Work




Seminole artist Jimmie 0.
stomp dance gathering.


Tribal poet writer and artist Elin Jumper hangs one of his original pieces entitled ‘Stitl life' before the show.

## Tribal Elder Mary Osceola-Moore: A Model of Seminole Pride in Life and Cinema



Seminole Coffee Company Celebrates Five Years

BY CHRIS C. JENKIN

HOLLYWOOD - The Seminole Coffee Co. recently celebrated its five-year anniversary and co-owner
Gem Osceola has big plans to expand the flourishing Gem Osceola has big plans to expand the flourishing
business around the United States. "Business is about enhancing
wanted to give a fresh gourmet coffee at the headquarters at first," Osceola said at a Dec. 28 luncheon with friends, family and employees at Tribal headquarters
"In the beginning, though, we were given a small fiel to prove ourselves and we did
to prove ourselves and we did."
Osceola, flanked by wife and Seminole Coffee coowner Linda Osceola, thanked those who supported them when they founded the company in 2004, including account manager Frank Pego as well as Tribal citizen and Tribal Chier Operations Office Business Ana
lyst Ernest Tiger lyst Ernest Tiger.
Seminole Coffee, which originally opened in Triba headquarters, has been hit with employees there. "I think it has been really nice and great to have here," Grants Compliance Administrator Sandra H. At kins said of the break room mainstay.
to eventually open Seminole Coffee shops in all Hard
Rock Cafes. "Everyday is a workday for us and it is all a joint
effort," Osceola said, noting that the expansion strategy effort," Osceola said, noting that the expansion strategy we wanted so we have just happened to come along at the right time with our next phase."

Pego said the carefully-crafted expansion project
be implemented in several stages, beginning with providing Seminole Coffee at Hard Rock locations in Hollywood and Tampa. Expansion will then continue up
the U.S. east coast, including a café in the newly built Yankee Stadium in New York. Osceola also plans to look at business opportunities in the Midwest and be-

## yond.

or things involved in being successful," Tiger said "We ust opened up the doors for him. He , Ther said. "We cisions and it has all just fallen into place" The Seminole Coffee shop at the Holl uarters is on the second floor under the direction of manager Sharon Williams. Hours of operation are Moncall $954-966-3300$ a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or email flsemcoff $@$ yahoo com


2010 SEMINOLE TRIBAL FAIR Little Mr. \& Little Miss Seminole Contest - Application Friday, February 12, 2010, 5:00 PM Hard Rock Live Contestant * $\qquad$ (cherk ane) Little Miss Seminole__Little Mr. Seminole_

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Contestants must be an enrolled tribal member. between the ages of $5-7$ years old and be a resident of the state of Rorida by February 1, 2010. NO EXCEPTIONS Registration deadline is Monday, February 8, 2010-5:00pm. Contestants must be preregistered. Absolutely NO applications will be accepted after February 8, 2010.

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Big Cypress Cattle Owners Gear Up for Bull Distribution

## BY NAII TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS boys and cattle owners alik
gathered at the Big Cypress Cattle and Range facility as more than 100 bulls were weighed and checked
before being released before being released to the
area's cow pastures during the area's cow pastures during the
reservation's annual bull distribution. Tribal
Koenes, who citizen Mary Jene eight bulls, was a total of erator to have her animals ready for breeding. She owns the most bulls of the
tle owners.
After the cowboys hauled
Koenes' eight bulls onto a trail-
er, she drove them
er, she drove them to her cow pasture about a mile
Billie Swamp Safari.
With Koenes allowing her
bulls to enter the gated pasture, sh

Big Cypress Tribal citizen Mary Jen
pasture for breeding on Dec. 29.
Big Cypress Tribal citizen Mary
pasture for breeding on Dec. 29

the coveted
sent to the cow pasture, the bulls galloped off into the registers four bulls at the distribution session, then the field to find the hordes of cows nearby - a necessary fractice as the bulls and cows are typically bred for 90 -day period.

The breeding concludes toward the end of March $\begin{aligned} & \text { breeding period," said Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul } \\ & \text { Bowers Sr., who also serves as the Big Cypress Cattle }\end{aligned}$ The breeding concludes toward the end or March and Range director. "We want to have some good calves vaccinations.

Cattle live by grazing through the grass and drink"Once the 90 days are up, the bulls will be going ing water out of nearby ditches and sloughs, according
to Don Robertson, the Tribe's natural resources direc-
back to their pasture," Koenes said. Generally, a cattle owner distributes three or four tor of cattle operations. That can adversely affect their
Ger


During the Bull Distribution, a set of bulls are let go from the Big Cypress cow pen as they later get tr
on Dec. 29. health, as they pick up worms
and a host of viruses. and a host of viruses. vaccination practices have been going on for more than The first cattle appeared at Big Cypress in the 1930s, when Morgan Smith and other cowboys drove them to the
reservation by horse from a reservation by horse from a
train in Palmdale. $\underset{\text { Palmdale, a }}{ }$ Palmdale, a small com-
munity in Glades County, is about 90 minutes north of the Big Cypress Reservation.
Additionally, the Uni Additionally, the United
States government purchased States government purchased
the cattle from the Apache the cattle from the Apache
Tribe in the 1930 s and later sold them to the Seminoles. "Cow and calf opera-
tions were the Seminoles" first modern business venture in its history," Koenes said.
"They've always been savvy business people, but they figured cattle would be profitable as well."


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## Seniors Learn Lessons from Poison Prevention Clinic


animal, just see any suspicious animal, just run away from it,"
Hurtado said to the seniors. Hurtado said to the seniors.
"Don't touch it. Call us or SPD (Seminole Police Call us or SPD (Seminole Police Department)
and we'll take care of that for ${ }^{\text {you. }}$ Pets can be poisoned by items such as chocolate, grapes, raisins, plants, mushrooms and insecticides, according to Hurta-
do. And plants such as poison do. And plants such as poison
ivy, poison oak and poison sumac ivy, poison oak and poison sumac

- which can be found at the Big Cypress Reservation - can irritate the skin if someone touches
it inadvertently. it inadvertently.
Rudy Osceola, a Big Cy-
press Tribal senior, was enlightpress Tribal senior, was enlight-
ened about the adverse effects of touching the aforementioned plants. "I didn't know about the types of leaves that can poison
you," Osceola said. "Next time I you," Osceola said. "Next time I
see something like that, I'll just stay away from it."
Anyone in need of assistance (L-R): Seminole Fire-Rescue Inspector Orlando Hurtado presents Big Cypress Tribal can contact the Poison Help Hotat the Seniors Poison Prevention Clinic on Dec. 29.

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Tribal Representatives Attend Ag Symposium

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKIN }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

LAS VEGAS - The state of agriculture in Indian Country took center stage at the 17 th annual Intertriba ance Ag Symposium.
"Caring for Mother Earth" was the theme for the 2009 forum, which brought in hundreds of Native lead ers, Tribal agriculture producers and federal agency rep
resentatives.
Held Dec. $7-11$ at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino Held Dec. 7-11 at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino
in Las Vegas, there were more than 600 attendees at the conference with representatives from the Seminole Tribe, including Board President and former INCA President Richard Bowers Jr.
"I think it all was a great success," President Bow-
ers said. "I also appreciate the fact that our own cattle ers said. "I also appreciate the fact that our own cattle
women have established their own group" women have established their own group.' sociation was represented, led by President Wendy Riley. The meetings provided insight into the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) report on the implementation of the $\$ 288$ billion, five-year Food known as the 2008 Farm Bill.
The bill is a continuation of the 2002 Farm Bill and maintains the U.S. game plan of subsidizing agricultural and rural development in areas such as energy, conservation and nutrition.
The Native Women and Youth In Ag Essay Luncheon Another also highlighted the week.
The sixth annual essay contest was
the USDA Risk Management Agency, the Tribe and the
IAC. Crow Nation member Ray Champ, the 2008-09 In-
dian National Finals Rodeo Announcer of the Year, was Four compositions were chosen for the contest among Native American high school students throughout the country. Their entries were titled, "How to Manage Risk on My Reservation." The finalists were Jordyn
Traversie, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Sierra Matt, Traversie, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Sierra Matt, Fort Belknap Reservation and Ashley Carlisle, Navajo All
All four girls will serve as ambassadors for a year o Indian Ag and Indian Country by working with the
Native Women in Agriculture in outreach efforts. As finalists each received an all-expense paid with a chaperone to Las Vegas to read their essays at the uncheon. They also each received an engraved award from IAC. On behalf of the Tribe President Bowers gave "Tuly-equipped Dell computer.
"The support this year was overwhelming and it is sity to bring our Native Youth full circle and back to our roots in Ag," Vicki Hebb, NWYIA Executive Director tated in a press release.
The mission of NWYIA is to provide a network and forum for Native women in agriculture. The organiza-
tion began in 2004 on began in 2004.
IAC was founded in 1987 to pursue and promote
conservation, development and use of agricultural resources for the betterment of Native people. INCA assists all U.S. Tribal Nations and Alaskan villages to establish, maintain and strengthen Tribal conservation districts to protect the air, land, water,
cultural and natural resources, along with the Earth for future generations, according to its mission statement. For more information log on to www.info@indinaglink.com or www.inca-tcd.org.

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Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. (L) with finalists of the Native Women and Youth in Ag Essay Luncheo


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##  Education



Preschoolers Spread Christmas Cheer in Program

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

old classes also per-
formed their version of
"The Twelve Days of other yuletide songs in-
cluding, "Rockin'Around the Christmas Tree," "Winter Won Christmas."
Irma Berrios said she really en- a lot as a family right now," she said. "The Lord has joyed the program and seeing grand- blessed me with two beautiful grandchildren $\ldots$ and son Jake Osceola on stage. He played I enjoyed everything.

## Ahfachkee Third Graders Take Trip To Sawgrass Mills

SUNRISE he Ahfachkee School embarked on tudents from the Sawgrass Mills Mall to learn, shop and dine. Cypress Library Director Barbara Oeffner and curator Gretchen DeBree accompanied
the Tribal students to the Books-A-Million dur-

nity they won't soon forget.
The students were able to take a look at al the facility's book sections during their 45 -minute tour of the bookstore. The children viewed and sports, among others topics.
Mary Moreno, a children's specialist for took a liking to said the Ahfachkee students available books in the of the "Some of the kids were interested in music Mooss, lik eid. "The montana and Taylor Swift,
Moreno said. Moreno said. "The most interesting thing about
the tour is that they were looking to get Christmas presents for their families. They're not self
ish in any way", Mariah Smith, an Ahfachkee student, had about 20 books in her shopping cart. She rebe a Vampire" and "Wicked," both of which are fiction, Halloween-based tales. paid their Mariah and her fellow classmates paid their merchandise, they headed to the Rain-
forest Café for lunch before traveling back to the Big Cypress Reservation. "The Tribal kids got to do a lot of shoppin independently," DeBree said of the Ahfachkee students. "They were familiar with a lot of the book sections while on tour. A few of them men
tioned they will go back to Sawgrass Mills with their parents, so obviously they took something
from the Books-A-Million Ahfachkee School third grade students.


Ahfachkee School Students Shine in Christmas Program


The Ahfachkee second graders perform "Love Letters of Christmas"

## BY NAII TOBIAS

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The Ahfachkee School's Christmas Program at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium had a wintery feel with dimmed lights and holiday decorations everywhere. The event on Dec. 17 began with a prayer by the Rev. Bruce Pratt, pastor of the Big Cypress First Baptist Church press, Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., and Immokalee Liaison Elaine Aguilar, among othes "Ahfachkee always puts on a good program this part of the year, Chairman cypress said. It feels ike winter in here. After the welcome address from Ahfachkee School prin-
cipal Walter Swan, the Tribal students took to the stage with a One of the highlights of the program was the Christmas Tumblers, a group of students assembled by the Big Cypress Fitness Department, performing a dance sequence to the holiday
tune "It's Christmas Time" "It's Christmas Time. The attendees looked on in amazement as the tumblers did Next up was a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by the Ahfachkee School's sixth through 10th grade English students, followed by songs from the pre-kindergarten to fourth grade stadents.
The third graders sang "Ho, $\mathrm{Ho}, \mathrm{Ho}$," while the kinderg The third graders sang "Ho, Ho, Ho," while the kindergar-
ten and pre-kindergarten students sang "O Christmas Tree" and "This Little Light of Mine,"
The third grade group came back with a "Christmas Medley," followed by a "Jingle Rap" by the fourth graders. After the second grade class gave a rendition of the holiday
tune "Love Letters of Christmas," the first graders sang "H tune "Love Le"," Birthday, Jesus.
The perfor The performances concluded with all the grades coming to"I look at it as a puzzle,". Ahfachkee music instructor Lana Payne said of the song selections. "We just found a way to put it
all together The [Ahtachkee] teachers helped our kids a ot with all together. The [Ahfachkee] teachers helped our kids a lot with The music teacher said that "Jingle Rap" was perhaps the Tribal students' favorite song to perform, since it featured a combination of singing and rapping.
"This Little Light of Mine" and Happy Birthday, Jesus," "This Little Light of Mine" and Happy Birthday, Jesus,"
were two other songs that were popular with the Ahfachkee students, Payne said.
"The kids did a wonderful job," she said. "They paid attention to where and when they were supposed to come on and off
during the performances. They knew the words to all the songs and they were well-behaved


Ahfachke Sch , Wull
at the Christmas Program on Dec. 17



College Admissions Panel representatives from schools including Stanford University, Florida State University and the Univer Tribal Youth Attend Panel Discussion with Top Universities

HOLLYWOOD - Tribal youth and parents par ticipated in a question-and-answer session with repre-
sentatives from some of the best public and private col sentatives from some of the best public and private co
lege institutions recently at the Hard Rock Hotel.

In a first-time gathering, Admissions Board Panel members from Stanford University, Florida State University, the University of Miami and other schools were on hand to field questions and offer advice to college
hopefuls on a number of common topics. hope "We were very happy and pleased with the turnout," said Tribal Education Director Emma Johns of the Jan. 6 event. "We wanted to open the minds of these students and help guide them. It also allowed a lot of questions to get answered that we could not."
Targeted for high school students in grades 9-12, Johns said she hopes to have the affair annually around the same time as the annual College Fair. came from contacts and administrative staff at Fort Lauderdale s Pine Crest High School. Among the many subjects discussed were basic ad-
mission requirements. mission requirements
Edward Gillis,

Edward Gillis, assistant vice president for enrollsions for the University of Miami, said there are a number of factors involved in his office's recruitment and selection of students. The factors include high school
records, courses taken, ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular records, courses taken, ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular
activities and letters of recommendation to name a few. Gillis explained that the process of admissions is very competitive and understanding the steps involved remains important. UM, which is a private institution, only admitted 2,000 freshman from a pool of more than
22,000 applicants last year 22,000 applicants last year.

We want [potential students] to understand this process, Gillis emphasized. "We are a very diverse
school and meet that definition. We also want to encourage them to know that our college is a real option." Chief Enrollment Communications Officer Jenny
Rickard of Northeast Philadelphia's Bryn Mawr College Rickard of Northeast Philadelphia's Bryn Mawr College
echoed Gillis' sentiments. echoed Gillis' sentiments.
"We want students th heir research and know what they want," she said. Another point emphasized throughout the evening
as recruitment within the Native American population.

Tribal Education Director Emma Johns gives her persona testimony on receiving her education to the panel and

Pemayetv Emahakv Continues to Grow

BY RACHEL BUXTON<br>Staff Reporter<br>BRIGHTON - Pemayetv Emahakv Charter J. Bowers Jr., Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr., School continues to expand as officials broke ground on members of the Glades County School Board and

the contruction of 20 classrooms that will host seventh Pemayetv Emahakv's own student council members the contruction of 20 classrooms that will host seventh

and eighth graders during the next school year. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pemayetv Emahakv's own student council members } \\ & \text { shoveled dirt Dec. 18. }\end{aligned}$ With platinum silver shovels in hand, Principal $\begin{gathered}\text { The additional classrooms are expected to be ready } \\ \text { Russell Brown, Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew } \\ \text { for the 2010-2011 school year. Urban Building Systems }\end{gathered}$ | Russell Brown, Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew for the 2010-2011 school year. Urban Building Systems |
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { along with Seminole }\end{array}$ |
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 Tribe of Florida Con-
struction Management will oversee the construction of
new classrooms. new classrooms. "There are no
limits," Rep. Jones
said. "We're said. "We're here for education; that is our
main goal," main goal."
"The growth has just been phenom-
enal," Brown said "The Seminole Tribe has provided me with great opportunities
and resources and support." Pemayetv Ema-
hakv opened its doors in August to sixth
grade and more than grade and more than
200 students enrolled. things from the stuthings from the stu-
dents themselves and some parents," Rep.
Bowers said. "At that point I didn't think
we had a choice but to expand.'
(L-R) Brighton Board Rep. Johhnie Jones Sr. and Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Ir. haye




Album Review: ‘By the Throat’ by Eyedea \& Abilities BY MALCOM LACEY
Mike Larsen and Gregory Keltgen give us a spec the is facular album and definitely one of the best alternative alk of partying, drinking and violence? field that reall album comes out of left Gucci Mane in perspective
Mike Larsen, AKA Eyeden an Abilities are not new to the rap scene. In
999 and 2000 Abilities won the regional DMC Award in Minnesota and served as Atmosphere's tour DJ. At the same time, Eyedea won top honors at Scribble Jam nd Blaze Battle Chicago. make the the two got together again o make the third E\&A album, By the
Throat," expectations were high, to say the least.
On the Throat opens with a whimyou into his thoughts. Painting a portrait so vivid, it's frightening. "Hay Fever"' is testament to this. In just over two minutes, he illustrates every one of his emoions. His hate, desires, guilt, and uncertainty there with him
Listening to E
Listening to Eyedea turn from pesnture as it is heart wrench hardly an adptimism shows, not always clearly, in


## Album Review: 'Holly’ by Justin Nozuka

 BY MALCOM LACEYHowever, it s the grit and atmosphere of "Sav
Him" that puts him on display emotionally. The narra-
ive tale of domestic abuse is harrowing and intense, and it's a testament as to how powerful this young artA lot of Amos Lee, Ray LaMontagne and Paolo hows. writer's debut album, "Holly," Nozuka uses his influences to great effect. His
soulful swagger and narrative songriting position him as one of the fe
young emerging to really stand out this I first came across the Canadian American while browsing through th His song "After Tonight" was playing ver the sound system. To my enjoyment the store clerk had the song o repeat and I was instantly taken by it azzy-folk catchiness
oes. He carries this sheudo-love really with urgency and kept me hooked until elt compelled to ask who I was hearing good debut. Although flawed, Nozuk lizes everything he's got. His vocal weakest track of the album, "Down in Cold Dirty Well," Nozuka can kee the listener interested with his vocal dy
amic alone.

## THE HEALTHY SENIOR by fred cicerti

aches lately. I'm pretty sure it's bee cuad by stress, but I was wondering if I should have it checked by a doctor. tor. Most headaches are harmless, but the can be a symplom or a soril condion Education urges people to see a doctor i there are any of the following sympton witheadache:
three or more head began after age 50 , pain reliever almost daily; taking more than pain relievers; stiff neck; fever; shortnes of breath; unexpected symptoms that fect your eyes, ears, nose, or throat; dizzi ness; slurred speech; weakness; numbness a tingling sensation; confusion; drowsiness headaches that begin and persist after tion, coughing, bending, or sexual activ ity; a headache that intensifies and persists; headaches that change character; persistent "or severe vomiting; a headache that is you
first or worst. 45 million Americans suff More than 45 million Americans suffer
from recurring headaches. About 70 percent of headache sufferers are women. There are two types of headaches; mary headaches that are not related to another condition, and secondary headaches which are. irmary headaches include tension, m ter headaches.
About 90 percent of primary headaches
are caused by tension. These muscle-conare caused by tension. These muscle-con traction headaches cause mild to moderate pain and come and go. Tension headaches
are called chronic if you have them more than 15 days per month They are calle episodic if you get them less
than 15 days per month. Most tension headaches
can be treated with over-thecan be treated with over-thecounter pain relievers such as
acetaminophen, aspirin and ibuprofen.
graines is unknown. However, research has demonstrated that migraines involve the
actions of nerves and blood vessels. The pain from migraines is moderate to severe. They can last from hours to days and be combined with stomach distress. Prescripneeded to treat migraines.
Another subcategory of headache syndrome, which is the combination of migraine and tension headaches.
which come in headaches are


Movie Review: ‘The Road’ Directed by John Hillcoat $\frac{\text { BY MALCOM LACEY }}{\text { Contributing Writer }}$ The plot of "The Road" is simple: a father and a son walk toward the southeastern coast of the U.S. in a
post-apocalyptic future where the world is devastated, food is scarce and people have turned to cannibalism, "The Road" also stars Charlize Theron, Guy
 he worst type of primary
headache. The pain hits behind one eye and it's severe. Cluster headaches occur one to
three times per day during a cluster period, three times per day during a cluster period,
which may last two weeks to three months. Preventive medications are prescribe for cluster headaches. During a cluster headache, injecting medication or inhaling 100 percent oxygen may help. About 85 percen of cluster-headache sufferers are male. Secondary headaches include chronic
progressive, sinus and hormone headaches. Chronic progressive headaches worsen and become more frequent. These head aches may be caused by a brain or skull illness such as encephalitis, inflammation of
the brain. If diseases are ruled out, doctor will try to focus on preventing the pain from striking. Preventive medication may include antidepressants, muscle relaxants or othe drugs.
Sinus headaches cause pain in the hea thinking you have a dental problem. Thes headaches coincide with other sinusiti symptoms such as nasal discharge. Over-
the-counter pain relievers and decongestants work well with this type of headache Hormone headaches come with chang ing hormone levels during menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause. These are treat
ed with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen, and other drugs. Another type of headache is caused by
taking too much pain medication. This type taking too much pain medica
dicated dicated columnist who writes about issues
concerning senior citizens' health. The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like to ask a question, please write to fred@healthygeezer.com.]


Holiday Safety Trips from the Seminole Environmental Health Program

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## Health

## Awards Luncheon Honors Participants, Promotes Walking BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - Tribal citizens and employees and community members were recognized for their Weight Loss Awards L uncheon Big Cypress Tribal Counci Rep. David Cypress congratulated those who participated in the Seminole Shape-Up Weight Loss p gram, which lasted 16 weeks. working here with us," Rep. Cypress said to the approximately 40 attendees during the Dec. 18 luncheon. "If you have lost weight, congratulations. If you're thinking about losing weight, then just lose,
it and we'll congratulate you later," The luncheon featured a healthminded fare of baked chicken, salad, green beens, brown rice, water and juices.
Big Cypress Wellness Health Big Cypress Wellness Health
Education coordinator Brenda Bordogna followed with a presentation on the health benefits of walking. "Walking is one of the easiest exercises anybody could do," Bor-
dogna said. "When you go walking, dogna said. "When you go walking, make sure your shoes fit you cor-
rectly" tips for goal-setting
tips for goal-setting.
"When you set your goals, always stay motivated," she said. "If you don't succeed a always try again."
bordogna added that it's easier easier for you to stick with [your goals]." She said to make goals realistic and easy, and to reward yourself when you meet a goal. mind and a continued sense in practicing a healthy lifestyle," Bordogna said as she concluded her walking presentation.
For more information about the
Seminole Shape-Up Weight Loss Seminole Shape-Up Weight Loss
Program, contact the Big Cypress Program, contact the Big Cypress
Wellness Center at (863) $983-5798$.

(L-R) Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress and Seminole Wellness Director Edna McDuffie announce the rule changes to the Seminole Shape-Up Weight-
In/Weight-Out procedures at the Weight Loss Awards Luncheon on Dec. 18.

Results from the Seminole Shape Up Weight Loss Awards

## Tribal Female: 1. Sheila Aguilar, 2. Dale Grasshopper, 3. Almira

 Billie, 4. Meredith Bullard,Tribal Male: 1. Andy Cypress, 2. Josh Jumper, 3. Issiah Billie, 4. Byron Billie, 5. Robert Hill; Bennis, 3. Karen Shaw/Patricia Kennedy, 4. Kira Bean, 5. Giynnis Bowers; Community/Employee Male: 1. Mikail Iglesis, 2. Christopher Joe, 3. William Engel, 4. Raymond Sandoval, 5. Daniel Kasbar


The Seminole Weight Loss Luncheon award winners are congratulated by Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress.

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## Environmental Health Office Provides Radon Awareness <br> SUBMITTED BY PATRICK PECK <br> Environmental Hath Progran Man


#### Abstract

Radon - You can't see it. You can't smell it. Yo an't taste it. Radon is Radon is a Class A carcinogen and the second leading cause of lung cancer. It comes from the radioactive breakdown of naturally occurring radium found in most Florida soils. As a gas in the soil, it enters homes and buildings from beneath their foundations and then travels upwards. Radon can enter the foundation through cracks or holes in concrete floors, walls, construction joints, sump pumps and loose-fitting pipes. Since the building sump pumps and loose-fitting pipes. Since the building can hold the radon similarly to smoke trapped under glass, indoor radon concentrations can increase to many times that of outdoor levels. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) radon is responsible for (EPA), radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung can- cer deaths annually and about 2,900 of these deaths occer deaths annually and about 2,900 of these deaths oc cur among people who have never smoked. Lung cancer death associated with radon exposure accounts for more annual deaths than other cancers, including liver, brain, stomach, melanoma and gall bladder cancer. When these radioactive particles enter a person's lungs they adhere to the lung tissue and irradiate sensilungs they adhere to the lung tissue and irradiate sensi- tive cells. The risk of lung cancer death rises in smokers who are exposed to radon. For every 1,000 people who have smoked and are exposed to high levels of radon, about 62 people will die of lung cancer. Non-smokers exposed to high levels of radon contract lethal lung cancer at a rat. smokers. In has excessive amounts of radon. Most Floridians live on the floor where the concentrated radon gas enter: the building. The Seminole Tribe Health Department working to support its residents as they protect them. selves from radiation exposure from radon gas. As a state, Florida is aggressive in its policies at tacking unnecessary radon exposure to the public Florida is at the forefront of consumer protection concerning radon issues. The state has required radon meacertified since 1989. Florida has a mandatory radon testing program for various public facilities, such as public and private schools, state licensed day care centers, anc 24 -hour care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals. This public testing information allows Floridians their loved ones Here at the 1 don surveys at most level, the Tribe has performed rafacilities as well as a cross section of Tribal buildings Thus far, we have found the levels to be below the acto closely monitor and look for potential wilr continu do closely monitor and look for potential pockets of radon in our communitie tou would like to If to be tested for radon, please call the Environmenta Health Office at 954-965-1300 ext. 10325 . [Editor's Note- Patrick Peck [Editor's Note: Patrick Peck is the Tribal Environ- mental Health Program Manager. All opinions he exmental Health Program Manager. All opinions he ex- presses are his own. If you would like to ask a question presses are his own. If you would like to ask a please write to patrickpeck@semtribe.com.]


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## Fire Rescue Provides Fall Prevention Tips

SUBMITTED BY DAVID LOGAN

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after they have been cleaned
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Keep items in easy-to-reach cabinets Use a step stool instead of a chair to reach high cabinets
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Use non-slip mats or strips for the bathtubs and shower floors

Use non-skid mats for bathroom floors
Keep towels within a reasonable reach
Keep towels within a reasonable reach
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Install grab bars in the bathtubs and
Showers
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Take your time when moving to a standing position stretching helps to improve as walking and ordination
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Use window
Use window guards for windows on the
second floor Play set
that is 12 inches thick of either mulch, wood chips, rubber or sand
[Editor's Note: David Logan is a Fire
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Lifeline Device Installed in Big Cypress Elder's Home

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Tribal elder Sally Buster no longer needs to make a telephone phone call or yell for
help if she were faced with a health emergency. All she needs to do is push a button.
Buster's household is one of at least four in the Seminole Tribe of Florida that has been outfitted with Lifeline, a system that notifies police and fire personnel
of a health-related emergency involving a Tribal member. When someone pushes a Lifeline help button on a waterproof necklace or home-installed machine, the system immediately alerts a Lifeline operator of an emergency. The operator calls a phone number regis-
tered to the help button that was pressed and within 10 tered to the help button that was pressed and within 10
seconds of confirming the emergency the operator will seconds of confirming the emergency, the operator will
contact Seminole Police and Fire-Rescue departments
about the emergency.
Lifeline is generally limited to Tribal elders and
member who have certain medical conditions. Mary member who have certain medical conditions. Mary Francis Cypress, the mother of Chairman Mitchell Cy
press and Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress and Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cy
press, was the first senior recipient of the device. Her system was installed Sept. 15
SPD Officer Scott Akin and Albert DiDonato, the in-home service representative for Lifeline, installed the system this month in Buster's kitchen, bathroom
and two bedrooms. They also showed her and husband George Billie how to use Lifeline and encouraged the couple to press the help button each month to test the system's battery.
nato assured the senior "It's very simple; help will come

(L-R) SPD Officer Scott Akin helps Tribal elder Sally Buster fill out an application before the installment of Lifeline begins at her home.

Buster could have used the system in ember, when she fell near her front door. She was trying to open the door to go outde, "I didnt sliped and fell on the ground. "I didn't call nobody that time," Buster Meanwhile, her son, Christopher, was in his closed room watching television and wasn't aware of what had happened. When he took a break from watching television
minutes later, he heard his mother calling minutes later, he heard his mother calling
him. '"She said, 'Chris, Chris' and I went over to the door and helped her up," Christopher Buster said
Luckily, Sally Buster didn't need medical attention.
Akin said there have been at least three incidents - including Sally Buster's - dur-
ing the past year in which seniors suffered ing the past
from falls.
Since a Lifeline presentation Oct. 7 at
the the Big Cypress Senior Center, Akin and
SPD have been hard at work ensuring that SPD have been hard at work ensuring that
seniors are connected to the lifesaving item. seniors are connected to the lifesaving item.
"Instead of having a caretaker with our seniors, they can function on their own with Lifeline," Christopher Buster said. "Seniors don't like to feel as if they're being watched over all the time. It's a great way for my par-
ents and all the Tribal seniors to be assured ents and all the Tribal seniors to be assu
help without someone watching them."


Recovering Tribal Citizens Gather for Gratitude

BY ERIC BRICKER Contributing Writer
HOLLYWOOD - Seminoles in Recovery gathered in the Seminole Hard Rock ballrooms to celebrate their gratitude for sobriety.
Helene Buster and Jodi King Helene Buster and Jodi King
organized the Dec. 15 event, which has taken place each of the past five years. About 100 people attended, including recovering Tribal citizens, their friends and family, and Tribal
employees who came out to support the event. The evening commenced with
opening prayers and dinner, followed by a speaker-style meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous featuring Charlie
Tiger. His personal disclosures were Tiger. His personal disclosures were
harrowing and the consequences of harrowing and the consequences of
his past behavior were severe. He speaks now of his hope for the future and renewed relationships with friends and family.

Tiger's opportunities are abun dant to move past the grief of the past as his life connes
the audience nodded in familiarity, as those, people in lar stories heard their own voice in Tiger's words. Once Tiger finished, they applauded enthusiastically. The re-
covering community wants him to continue to succeed covering community wants him to continue to succeed
as they are all now as they are all now succeeding, bringing hope to one another one day at a time.

When Tiger left the podium, others were compelled What was most remarkable was that there were several such individuals who have now had significant lengths
of sobriety. There were a number of speakers who had of sobriety. There were a number of speakers who had made it past the one year bench mer
twenty months, and two years sober. twenty months, and two years sober.
Several of these individuals have experienced mul tiple past addiction treatment failures, but are now doing well. Some of those now in recovery, had used drugs in the past with others at the gratitude dinner, who are als


Charlie Tiger shares his personal experience in overcoming addiction at the Seminoles in Recovering meeting held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel on Dec. 15. and refer to their old friends as miracles. They spoke with conviction about their recovery and about the changes in their lives. They spoke of being better parents.
"I want to show my children a healthy way by being healthy, and doing it with love," one speaker said. Another speaker simply stated, "I need to be a fa-
ther to these kids", They shared their gratitude and acknowledged those who have helped them. Several of the speakers were John's Place alumni, and they thanked the staff
at John's Place for helping to provide a foundation at John's Place for helping to provide a foundation for
their early recovery. John's Place is a residential treattheir early recovery. John's Place is a residential treat-
ment center for Seminole Tribal citizens. Others were thankful to Family Servic
others were thankful to Seminoles in Recovery for providing support.
For those who have chosen the path of sobriety, the New Year brings the promise of hope and renewal, resto-
ration and healing. It is with that in mind that Seminoles in Recovery has begun planning
 the Second Annual Florida Native American Recovery Convention,
which will be taking place in Clewiswhich will be taking place in Clewiston from March 4-7. The convention
will provide another opportunity for will provide another opportunity for
recovering Tribal citizens to share their stories of healing with those who are new to the program, and to others who simply want to celebrate their sobriety. For more information about the convention, $\log$
seminolesinrecovery.com.
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All opinions he expresses are his All opinions he expresses are his
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tribe.com ... Charlie Tiger waived his anonymity for this article.]

## Seminole Fitness Engages BC Preschoolers to 'Get Fit'

BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - Tribal preschool students got Gymnasium on Dec. 10

Members of the Seminole Fitness Department led series of circuit training activities

The activities, which are collectively known as the circuit training obstacle course, featured stations such as the hopscotch, the
among a few others
The preschoolers learned how to be more physically coordinated, as the activities focused on using the
hands and eyes in conjunction with their feet. In addition, the Tribal youngsters learned the importance of The 90 -minute long event - an high-energy session - concluded with refreshments high-energy session

(L-R) Tristen Osceola, 2, works on his hand-eye coordination
Team Seminole Participates in Heart Walk



Sarah Robbins, 3, hops through hula hoops on the circuit activities and sports we put on for them," Seminole Fit"It puts a smile on "It puts a smile on our faces when we see them progressing," he said. "This shows that we're reaching the
children in an important phase of their lives, when they can absorb everything.

Seminole Fitness Trainer Gina Allardyce leads the preschoolrs in streching exarcises.


Tribe's numeric nutrient standards will be determined
年 after years of study, sampling, and scientific assessment. They may be lower, or higher than the State of Florida's
standards; however what is constant is that waters exitstandards, however what is constant is that waters exi-
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because Big Cyress canals eventually reach the Ever-
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the two most important water features in Florida. Big the two most important water features in Florida. Big
Cypress and Brighton Reservations are also "down-

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were $\begin{array}{r}\text { measurements) } \\ \text { obtained }\end{array}$ were obtained
directly in the field by Biological Technician Linda Billie, and Water
Quality Technicians Edgar De la Cruz following the Seminole Tribe of Florida's EPA approved
Operating Procedures to read,
record and
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report water temperature,
conductivity, pH and were 109 parts per billion (ppb). As a result of con- Edgar also collected all samples that were analyzed by tributions from discharges to the canals upstream of, the Tribe's Contracted NELAP Certified Environmental and prior to, Brighton Reservation, phosphorus levels
increased from 109 ppb to 437 ppb entering Brighton increased from 109 ppb to 437 ppb entering Brighton
Reservation via the Indian Prairie Canal, and 525 ppb in the Harney Pond Canal. Phosphorus levels actually de-
creased as a result of the canals flowing through Brighcreased as a result of the canals flowing through Brigh-
ton Reservation, with the Indian Prairie at 397 ppb and ton Reservation, with the Indian Prairie at 39
Harney Pond at 510 ppb.
SEMINOLE WATER TEST RESULTS

ERMD staff has sampled the fresh surface water in all Tribal Reservations and most land holdings for
more than a decade. ERMD's Water Quality Program more than a decade. ERMD's Water Quality Program
regularly monitors the levels of nutrients in surface waters. After a year long study, the Water Quality Program reported to EPA in December 2009, that water
quality leaving Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations quality leaving Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations
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Cypress and Brighton Reservations. Nutrient levels in surface waters exiting Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations do increase seasonally, and oxygen levels
do decrease seasonally. However, ERMD has been able do decrease seasonally. However, ERMD has
to identify the same seasonal water quality changes elevated nutrient levels prior to entering Big Cypres and Brighton Reservations) may simply pass through
the Reservations, and then be detected again at the
nutrient levels in Seminole lands represented $43 \%$ of all data collected. Over 2,000 water sample results indicating nutrient levels were obtained during FY09, and monitored by ERMD. The ERMD Water Quality Seminole Tribe Reservations and land holdings during 2010. Investigations on water quality entering and exiting Brighton and Big Cypress Reservations will be conducted routinely to confirm the relationship between outgoing and incoming water quality results. and Brighton Reservation boundaries, as have been done in the past, to characterize water quality within Reservation boundaries, and to compare against water quality "delivered" to the Reservations via the State of Florida's canals. The ERMD Water Quality Program
will provide Seminole Tribe members and businesses will provide Seminole Tribe members and businesses with scientifically generated and defendable numeric and plants; and will be manageable for agricultural and livestock businesses within Reservation boundaries.

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# Sports 



## The Seminole Tribe of Florida and Florida State Say Goodbye to a Friend, Legend

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

JACKSONVILLE - Bobby Bowden achieved legendary success as Florida State Uni-
versity's head football coach with his 375 career victories, 28 consecutive bowl games, 22 bowl wins and two national championships.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida reveled in that success as Bowden ensured FSU proudly repre-
sented the Seminole name every time sented the Seminole name every time his team
stepped on the field. stepped on the field.
The Tribe and FSU enjoyed the partnership for a final time Jan. 1 as the retiring Bowden led the Seminoles to a $33-21$ victory over West Virginia -
Bowden's former team - in the 65th annual Gator Bowl at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium. tionship than what we've had with the Seminoles of tionship, than what we've "ad with the Seminoles of
Florida," Bowden said. "They are so important to our University and we're thankful for them for letting us use their name and I think they've enjoyed us too. I'm going to miss that really."
Florida State football and Bowden have almost

## Seminole Tribe and Former Players Pay Tribute to Bobby Bowden

## BY RACHEL BUXTO

JACKSONVILLE - The Seminole Tribe of Florida recently honored
retired Florida State University head football coach Bobby Bowden for his success in representing the Tribe on the Dec.
field.
President Richard Bowers Jr., Big Flo


President Richard Bowers presents the Seminole Spirit Tribe President michard Bowers presents
with a tomahawk to be given to Coach Bobby Bowden in appreciation for his close relationship with the Seminole Tribe.

Florida during the coach's 34 years at FSU. Be- Florida State and he's been a mentor of mine before every home game, Florida State mascot Chief cause the department I work in is Seminole RecreOsceola comes onto the field riding his horse Ren- ation," Tribal citizen Richard Osceola said. "I work egade and throws a flaming spear into the ground at
the 50 yard line. Bowden has also developed a personal rela- on and off the field and that's kind of how I like my tionship with the Tribe. He recalls visits to different youth to be so he's given me a lot of inspiration reservations and golf tournaments he played in with Tribal citizens. Bowden was even a guest speaker
at a function on the Hollywood Reservation. a function on the Hollywood Reservation.
"He had a lot of influence on the Seminole Tribe," President Richard Bowers Jr. said of Bowden. "Bobby is a great person, he's a great coach; it's a great relationship, him, the University and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, All that mix, 1 just think it's a great combination.

Bowden has become a permanent fixture on many Tribal members' televisions and within their have stepped foot on the university grounds and become Florida State graduates. For others, Bowden was a mentor through his faith, dedication and per-
youth to be so he's given me a lot of inspiration watching him over the years."
Osceola said losing Bowden is like losing a
family member
family member. "You can any Tribal member within our Tribe," Osceola said. "You ask them who Bobby Tribe, Osceold sad. "You ask them who Bobby
Bowden is and they'll tell you who he is - Coach Bowden or they'll say Grandpa Bowden."
Bowden acknowledges that it will take some Bowden acknowledges that it will take some
time for Tribal citizens and other FSU fans to get used to not seeing him on the sidelines each game. However, he insists that he will always consider himself a part of the Tribe. "I won't be aid, "but I'll always claim them and they can claim me."
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Tribe and Taylor Team Up for Sixth Ping-Pong Smash


Jason Taylor warms up before engaging in ping pong action.

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - Miami Dolphins All-Pro defensive end Jason Taylor and the Seminole Tribe of Florida teamed up
for the sixth time in the JT Ping-Pong Smash at the Hard Rock Live.
The annual event Dec. 14 paired community members with some of their favorite Dolphins stars for friendly competition and tournament play, all benefitig the Jason Faylor FoundaJason Taylor Foundation. The organization "supports and creates programs that fa-
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and quality of life," according to its Web site, jasontaylorfounand quality of life," according to its Web site, jasontaylorfo
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anticipate it," Taylor said. "The Seminole Tribe of Florida has be of Florida has

The night also featured DJ Laz of Power 96 FM as master of ceremonies and the Dolphins cheerleaders, along with interactive games and activities for the youth to enjoy.
Jason Taylor Foundation Director Seth Levit explained that the tournament continues to be one of a kind, gaining momentum and more of a following each year. "What is funny is that Jason really did not want to do table tennis originally, but here we are six years later," Levit said. "It is something we talked about and it has continued to really work Former Dolphin Randal Hill and partner Wilfredo Fuentes went on to take home the championship belts this year.
A number of former Dolphin greats as well as current teammates were also on hand to show their support, including Nat Moore, John Offerdahl, Joey Porter, Will Allen, Channing Crowder, Brandon Fields, Davone Bess and Dan Carpenter. with a very innovative way to continue to support his charity," with a very innovative way to continue to support tise and help
Moore said. "It is always good to come out, of course, and her him raise money."
Taylor also hosted the second annual Ping-Pong Smash Kids Clinic led by professional instructor and former Puerto Rican Junior National Table Tennis Champion Juan Ly.
Nearly 100 children had the opportunity to learn the fun damentals of table tennis, including the basics on proper techniques such as hitting, returning and defense.
Ly is also a two-time Ping-Pong Smash Champion and has a part of the event since its inception.
"For me it continues to be an opportunity to get kids ex-
ed to this sport and was just natural to do," Ly said. The Jason Taylor Foundation also supports the Holtz Children's Hospital, one of the largest children's hospitals in the southeast United States, as well as Take Stock in Children, a Fort Lauderdale-based nonprofit organization that provides educational assistance and scholarships io chidren in need. to www.takestockinchildren.com or www.jhsmiami.org.


Taylor and Taylor together for the media.

BC Community Represents in Jingle Jog

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Sta }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Just three weeks after the Turkey Trot Walk/Run, Tribal and community citizens took advantage of another opportunity to get fit in the Jingle Jog.

Participants began the hour-long event on Dec. 11 with some stretching exercises after they registered for the
event.
Seminole Fitness trainer Neil Prager led the Re to gear them up for the three-mile long walk and run al
bank.
It was off to the races, as those who signed up for the run took off first, followed by the walkers. The function concluded with all participants receading off to the Sadie's/Big Cypress Landing convenience store for breakfast.

For more information on the Seminole Pathways weekly walks and a listing of the remaining events for 2009-2010, please contact Edna McDuffie at (863) 983-579

Jingle Jog Results
Tribal Walk - Fem
ol B. Osceola, 2. Clarissa Bowers; 41-54 years old: 1. Sue Jane Cypress; $55-65$ years old: 1. Juanita Osceola; 66 and over: 1. Louise Billie. Male: $18-40$ years old: 1. Allen Billie, 2. Cicero Osceola; 55-65 years old: 1. Mitchell Cypress

Tribal Run - Female: $18-40$ years old: 1. JoJo Osceola, 2. Cathy Cypress, 3. Sara Osceola; 41-54 years old: 1. Almira Billie; $55-65$ years old: 1. Shirley Clay; 66 years and older: 1. Edna McDuffie. Male: 55-65 years old: 1. Rudy Osceola.

Seminole Senior Handicap: 1. Lydia Cypress, 2. Ruby Osceola, 3. Claudia Doctor.

Amy Adams, 3. Celesta Osceola.
Community Run: 1. Christopher Joe, 2. Marilyn Jumper, 3. Ashley Burnett.

The Jingle Jog participants are jubilant after finishing their early morning workout on Dec. 11.


Hollywood Residents Commit to Fitness

The Seminole Tribe of Florida has again arranged for RSM McGladrey, Inc. to assist Tribal Members in the preparation of their 2009 Individual Income Tax Returns. The tax accountants will be at each reservation per the following schedule:

| Location | Time | Dates |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big Cypress | 9:30am to 5:00pm | February $1^{\text {st }} \boldsymbol{\&}$ March $18^{\text {th }}$ |
| Brighton | 9:30am to 5:00pm | February ${ }^{\text {st }} \boldsymbol{\&}$ March $\mathbf{1 6}^{\text {th }}$ |
| Hollywood | 9:00am to 5:00pm | February 1st - February $5^{\text {th }}$ February $8^{\text {th }}-$ April $15{ }^{\text {th }}$ MWF |
| Immokalee | 9:30am to 5:00pm | February $2^{\text {nd }}$ \& March $17^{\text {th }}$ |
| Tamiami | 9:30am to 3:30pm | February $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} \boldsymbol{\&}$ March $16^{\text {th }}$ |
| Tampa | 9:00am to 5:00pm | February $5^{\text {th }} \& 6^{\text {th }}$, March $16{ }^{\text {th }} \& 17^{\text {th }}$ |

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RSM McGladrey, Inc. will be providing same day preparation with E-filing for most returns.

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1. A copy of your 2008 tax return (Form 1040) if we did not prepare your 2008 tax return.
2. Any correspondence received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) during 2007, 2008 \& 2009.
3. Form W-2 from all employers.
4. Form $\mathrm{W}-2 \mathrm{G}$ and related receipts.
5. List of children (dependents) with their birth dates and social security numbers.
6. Form 1099-Misc showing income received during 2009 from the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
7. Form 1099 R, if you are receiving any funds from a pension plan.
8. Name, address, and tax identification number of the person or company to which you paid child care expenses.
9. Form 1098 showing the amount of interest you paid to a bank or mortgage company.
10. Social security statement, if you are drawing social security.
11. List of charitable contributions.
12. Property tax bills.
13. Any additional documentation you feel is pertinent to the preparation of your return.

# Big Cypress Youth Participate in Instructional Basketball League 

BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress Youth In- assistant coaches, concession stand help, offer transporstructional Basketball League held its registration and skills assessment workshop at the Herman L. Osceola
Gymnasium. The brainchild of Big Cypress Recreation and the designed as a feeder program for the school athletic curriculum.
Native American sanctioned schools with one of the first gram," coach Randall Cleckler said. "Targeting kindergrarten through sixth grade, the league will place emphasis on teaching the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and rewarding manner.
Assistant Big Cypress Recreation Director Stan Frischman addressed the group of youngsters Jan. 9 fol-
lowing registration lowing registration play together as a team and sportsmanship," Frischman said. "You must follow the rules in sports just like the ones in life, but the bottom line is to have a good time." Coach Eddie Redd led the children in stretches and a warm-up before dividing them into groups to work on
the fundamental skills of dribbling, shooting, passing the fundamental skills of dribbling, shooting, passing, recovery, defense and rebounding,
"Remember it is always imp
you start," Redd said. "If the game gets hard, you have to strive to follow through.
Following lunch, the youngsters participated in a
very thorough skills assessment very thorough skills assessment to determine in what
areas to proceed. Initially there were enough players for six teams, but it is anticipated that the number of participants will increase before the second skill assessment takes place.
While the children practiced in small groups with
staff, the coaches met with the parents to staff, the coaches met with the parents to map out the
league. Practice sessions will take place Friday afterleague. Practice sessions will take place Friday after-
noons at 4 p.m. to avoid interference with homework. noons at 4 p.m. to avoid interference with homework.
Games will be played Saturdays.
Parents were encouraged to volunteer as coaches,


Selena Onco palms the ball while Mya Cypress and Chynna Villareal wait their turn during asessments.


Coach Eddie Redd talks to team candidates about the basics of basketball during registration for the league on Jan. 9 .

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## Big Ballers Tournament Honors Randall Huggins' Memory

BY ELIZABETH LEIBA
HOLLYWOOD - Randall Huggins had a passion for basketball - so much so that when he worked for the Miccosuechall tournament there and funded with his own money.
The Big Ballers Basketball Tournament carries on the legacy that Randall started, with father Norman Huggins organizing the tournament for the past six years to keep alive the memory of his son, who died in late 2000 .
aid. "He played bketball in all his youth" Huggin ments. He had a real passion for the game." The tournament has grown each year with mor than 30 men's and women's teams participating this Nebraska, California and Kansas, according to Hug gins
Tournament play was held Dec. 3-5 with the teams facing off on courts at Seminole Recreation, Holly wood Christian High School and Dave Police Athletic League. The championship games were held on the
night of Dec. 5 with play ending just before midnight. On the women's side, the No Skills squad came out on top over the Lady Ballers, while reigning champions Big Town won 75-61 over the Plainz Men from Oklahoma.
Huggins was happy with the turn out for the tournament and how it honored his son's memory.
 As far as his memory goes, it's great.'

Amos Huggins, MVP of the winning Big Town team, looks for an open teammate during the championship game.

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Big Cypress Christmas Pool Tournament




Seminole Tribe Welcomes Xtreme Bull Riders

## by rachel buxton

BRIGHTON - Professional cowboys, cowgirls and 40 of the top bull riders braved freezing tempera-
tures to participate in the Seminole Classic PRCA Rodeo and the Seminole Hard Rock Xtreme Bulls competiat the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena. in the days leading up to the Jan. 9-10 competition a they received a guided tour of the Billie Swamp Safari on the Big Cypress Reservation to get an inside look int the history and culture of the Seminole Tribe of Florida "The Tribe is a major sponsor and plays a major
role," Amos Tiger, director of the Fred Smith Rodeo role," Amos Tiger, director of the Fred Smith Rodeo
Arena, said about the Xtreme Bulls tour. "We got to get that culture out there to the whole public.
For bull rider Tate Stratton, visiting Billie Swamp Safari and going on his first airboat ride was a special treat after studying animal science in school. "It's spiritual to learn about what the history books and teachers didn't teach you." After a water and ground tour of the Big Cypress
Reservation, the bull riders saw Tribal land from the air Reservation, the bull riders saw Tribal and rom helicopter
President Richard Bowers Jr. took them on ride over the Tribe's cattle operations. The bull riders Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood "They gave us a tour and showed us Council Oak and took us behind the scenes and we got to know things hang out at the Hard Rock with Richard, it was just an absolute honor to be sitting there with him

Saturday kicked off with the PRCA rodeo with bareback riding, steer wrestling team roping, tie-down ing followed on Sunday with a smashing opening with Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Bowers breaking guitars adding a little extra excitement to the
competition. competition good mood," bull rider Wesley Silcox said about the Seminole Tribe's infamous guitar-smashing opening. "Without these guys we wouldn't even be going. With


Jake Wade competes in the Wrangler section of Xtreme Bulls riding Free Bird.
sponsors dropping out they have really stepped up."

## Results:

PRCA Rodeo
Bareback riding: 1. Dylan Werner, 76 points 2. (tie) Dustin Smith and Tyrel Nelson, 72 points, 4. R.J. McSteer wrestling: 1. Brad Hartt, 3.8 seconds 2. JaWaylon Hasty, 4.9 sends 3 . Wade Cooper, 4.4 seconds 4 . Waylon Hasty, 4.9 seconds.
Barrel Racing : 1. Wendy Culberson 15.70 seco . (tie) Michele Allison and Shellie Reinbott, 15.81 sec onds 4. Desiray Holton, 15.91 seconds 5. Jewels Denapoli, 16.02 seconds 6 . Brittany Charron, 16.08 seconds 7. Deb Brannon 16.09 seconds 8 . Velva Ruth Hartt, 16.10
seconds
Team roping: 1. Joshua Torres/Clint Summers, 6.3 seconds 2. (tie) Brent Aldoff/Darren Burns and Chance Shane Hester, 11.2 seconds.
Saddle bronc riding: 1. Jim Burnette, 79 points 2. (tie) Eddie Parlier and James Greeson, 66 points Tie-down roping: 1. (tie) Garrett Beach
and Brad Hartt, 9.3 seconds 3 Rabe Ra $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { and } & \text { Brad } & \text { Hartt, } & \text { 9.3 } & \text { seconds } & 3 . & \text { Rabe Ra- } \\ \text { bon, } & 10.1 & \text { seconds } & \text { 4. Jeff Clair, } & 11.7 & \text { seconds }\end{array}$ Bull riding: 1. Corey Atwell, 84 points 2. (tie) Joe Johnson, Tate Stratton and Friday Wright, 81 points.
Xtreme Bulls
First round-1
First round: 1. (tie) Tyler Johnston and Jason Beck,
85 points 3 . (tie) Howdy Cloud and Just 85 points 3. (tie) Howdy Cloud and Justin Koon, 84.5 don Reynolds and Chad Denton, 83.5 points 8. D. J. Domangue, 81.5 points.
Final Round: 1. (tie) Tyler Johnston and Marcus Michaelis, 87 points 3. (tie) Jason Beck and Ardie Maier, 86 points 5 . D.J. Domangue, 85 points 6 . Ryan Shanklin, 83.5 points. Average: 1 . Tyler Johnston, 172 points 2. (tie) Ja-
son Beck and Marcus Michaelis, 171 points 4. D. J. Domangue, 166.5 points 5 . Ardie Maier, 162.5 points 6. Ryan Shanklin, 162 points 7 . (tie) Howdy Cloud and
Justin Koon, 84.5 points. Justin Koon, 84.5 points.
lach Tyner bears down on Nightmare during the Seminol Jacob Tyner bears down on Nightmare during the
Classic PRCA Rodeo at Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.


## Immokalee Seminole Ranch Hosts 2009 Round Robin Championship

## reelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE Immokalee Seminole Ranch ship was held recently at the
John ship Jimmie Memorial Arena
and and drew contestants from all
across South Florida across South Florida.
The two-head The two-head progressive
round robin tournament was round Dobin toun anment wa
held Dec. 12. Two fully tooled, ostrich-inlaid leather Running Championship Saddles were riding on the fastest time in two
throws for the winning throws for the winning team.
With a combined score With a combined score of
12.50 seconds in two catches Header Willie Abrue and Heeler Bear Weeks took home the trophy saddles and first place
awards. Registration closed afawards. Registration closed af-
ter organizers allowed 20 headers and 20 heelers to enter the
 competition. "When we made our firs we might have a shot at the sad-
dles, but it was going to be Ivan Bruisedhead and Leanna Billie have team roping in their blood dles, but it was going to be clo of the other team combinations might. Weeks said. "Some added. "Coming out of the box, I had a clean run, caught right out of the box. There were a lot of snatch their steer our time came in at 6.28 seconds. I held my breath as the there and we still had to catch in the second round. A The Abrue/Weeks team was a full second ahead of broken barrier or one leg could make the difference." their runners-up. It was a close competition as the third, "We each came back to the second round for a cou- fourth and fifth place finishers ended up in the 14 range ple of throws, but together, we had the best time," Abrue and only hundredths or a second to separate them.

The event drew several
stern Indian Rodeo As-


Hilliard Gopher throws an open practice loop before entering the box. Eastern Indian Rodeo As-
sociation (EIRA) members, who have taken home their share of championship sad-
dles over the past dles over the past couple of years. Among them were the
Jumper brothers, Naha and Jumper brothers, Naha and
Josh, who placed fourth and fifth in Immokalee after winning the EIRA Team Roping Championships. They recently competed at the Indian Na-
tional Finals Rodeo (INFR) in tional Finals Rodeo (INFR)
Las Vegas.
Team roping requires Team roping requires
four members to a team: a header, heeler and their two well trained horses.
"Team Roping is a very
competitive sport and requires
serious competitive sport and requires
serious concentration and lots of practice," said said Kenny
Joe Davis of practice, said said Kenny
Joe Davis, Sr., Immokalee
Seminole Ranch Jirecte "It Seminole Ranch director. "It
was awesome to watch these was awesome to watch these
ropers maintain their high ropers maintain their high
spirits and competitive edge spirits and competitive edge
while routing for their oppo-
nents. Sportsmanship was the nents. Sportsmanship was
real winner at this roping."


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Fast Pitch Baseball Camp Teaches Fundamentals BY CHRIS C. JENKINS hollywood HOLLYWOOD Tribal youth eager to have
a former professional balla former professional ball-
player sharpen their throwing, hitting, catching and other skills recently par-
ticipated in the Leon Witicipated in the Leon Wilcox Fastpitch and Baseball Camp at the Seminole soft-
ball fields.
Running Dec. 28-30
and under the organization
and instruction of Wilcox
and instruction of Wilcox, a Tribal citizen and former
member of Major League member of Major League
Baseball's Cincinnati Reds organization, the camp also focused on pitching, base running, foot work, conditioning as well as the mental ${ }^{\text {app }}$ The Tribal-run W The Tribal-run Wood
 and warm up in drills. sponsored the camp and participants received T-shirts and gift cards at the conclusion. "We wanted to try to get all the Tribal kids exposed
to the basic fundamentals of the game," Wilcox said. to the basic fundamentals of the game," Wilcox said.
"We want to restructure their fundamentals and get them exposed to the next level of the game,"
The camp also was an opportunity for participants to hone their skills for the upcoming season. The Semi-

ole travel team season begins in February.
"We also wanted to sharpen their skills and show nem former team is a unit," said fast pitch instructor hortstop D University of Alabama women's softball ways like a family thing for me."
Cypress, 11 , said she enjoyed the camp experience. She aid her father introduced the game to her at the age of 6 , and her goal is to play on into high school and at the
college level. college level. "I wanted to get stron-
ger with my batting and my ger with my batting and my
mental concentration," she mental concentration, she
said. "I also just like coming out and having fun. Going out and meeting new
people and teams is cool. I people and teams is cool. I
like getting dirty, too.". Jason Thomas said the
camp provided a lot of help to sons Layne, 9 , and Lay-
ton, 11 All ton, 11. All three made the
trek from the Brighton trek from the Brighton Res-
ervation ervation.
"I wanted them to learn more "iscipline, Thomas
said. "I have always taught said. Thave always taught
them that you can always learn something new. I tell
them also that the only per them also that the only per-
son that can stop them from son that can stop them fro
being the best is them." being the best is them.
The sport has bee part of their lives dating part of their lives, dating
back to the boys' T-ball
days. Their back o The moys mother, La-
days.
verne, has also been verne, has also been a play-
er on the Seminole teams er on the Seminole teams
for several years.
"I guess my ultimate I guess my ultimate
goal for them is to play
baseball on the professionbaseball on the professio
al level," Thomas said.

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Deforest Carter Competes in the 37th Annual City of Palms Classic BY JUDY WEEKS

FORT MYERS dreds of screaming - As hunfans packed the Bishop Verot ESPN cameras filmed some of the United States gracing the arena floor, Deforest Carter stepped moment.

The Big Cypress Tribal citizen was about to represent himself, his team and the Seminole
Tribe of Flor Tribe of Florida to the entire na-
tion.
"I played in quite a few Tribal tournaments. ... We've had
games with the schools, but nothgames with the schools, but noth-
ing like this," Carter said. "This is my first really big tournament." Carter, 16, and his Mont-
verde Academy teammates peted in the 37th Annual City of Deforest Carter joins his mother, Myra Jumper, and grandmother, Mary Tigertail, after Palms Classic in Fort Myers. The
prestigious five-day tournament prestigious five-day tournament,
which began Dec. 18 and aired on the nation's top high school bask ESPNU, hosted 16 of ers who are being actively recruited by big-time playleges such as North Carolina, Georgetown and Harvard Visiting college coaches evaluated players through-
the tourname for future professional basketball players. The Miami Heat's Michael Beasley, Denver Nuggets' Chauncey Billups and Atlanta Hawks' Joe Johnson are among the stars who have played in the City of Palms Classic.
A 6 -foot-1, 210 -pound guard for Montverde, Carter's primary responsibility is to set up scoring oppor-
tunities for his team through blocking, rebounding and passing.
passis. The fact tha of Orlando, is ranked No. 12 nationally by ESPN.com and No. 20 by MaxPreps is a bonus for Carter consider-
ing he initially enrolled in the school three years ago for ing he initially enrolled in the school three years ago for
academic reasons. Either way, his academic and athletic success has left a lasting impression on his family.
"He has become a positive role model for his younger brother and that is very important," said his mother, Myra Jumper.
Montverde began the tournament by defeating
Dudley of Greensboro NC geles. The victories earned the Eagles a tough matchup geles. The victories earned the Eagles a tough matchup
against Paterson (N.J.) Catholic (ranked No. 7 by MaxPreps). Cougars barely defeated the Eagles in a hard-
fought game that included questionable calls by the reffought game that included questionable calls by the refThe calls hurt Montverde as the Eagles were ahead $45-44$ with 6.9 seconds left in the second half. Free
throws allowed the Cougars to send the game into overthrows allowed the Cougars to send the game into over-
time.
time.
Foul shots doomed Montverde in the extra period as Paterson Catholic made 13 free throws with just more

## SPD Golf Tournament


(L-R) Butch Bronson, Jackie Smith-Bradley, Lawrence Osceola, Donald DiPetrillo at the 14th annual Seminole Police Department (SPD) Appreciation Golf Tournament Dec. 21 at the Heritage Isles Golf Club in Tampa, Fla. Sixteen teams of golfers took the course on a chilly 40-degree morning for the annual event which teams Seminole Police officers with Tribal citizens and casino employees.
"We just like to sho
"Liaison Richard Henry said appreciation to SPD, casino workers and office employees for all the hard work they do," Tampa The employee Christmas party


Hollywood's Arek Jumper (C) steals the ball from an opponent on the Brighto
and younger co-ed game. Brighton beat out Hollywood in this game (11-8).
Christmas Classic Youth Basketball Tournament Results

All teams received participation awards
13 and Younger Co-Ed

1. Lil Miccosukee, 2. Brighton

Boys: $1 . \begin{aligned} & 17 \text { and Younger } \\ & \text { Brighton }\end{aligned}$ Girls: 1. Hali's Team, 2. Big Cypres

HWD (black/yellow) vs. BRI (red) 8 \& younger co-ed

GAME 2
HWD (black/yellow) vs. BRI (red) Bri: $23-26$ 13 \& younger co-ed

GAME 3
Hali's Team vs Hali's Team vs. BRI
Hali's Team: $49-8$ Hali's Team: $49-8$
17 \& younger Girls


Sunni Bearden (R) of the Brighton team steals the ball away from the Hollywood team during the $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ Christmas Classic Youth Basketball, held Dec. 11-12, 2009 in the gym. The Brighton team emerged victorious from this game (26-23).

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Miss that down here. Keep guiding us until we meet again! Love it when y'all come visit. Puts a smile on my face.

Love
2010

To Ryanna, Daddy's Little Girl Since you've come into my world, My tiete complete

And you've opened that I before could not see

Your laugh is infectious and your smile
is my sunshine on a rainy day
And when you speak it's
my ears when you speak it's like music to With

With every word that you say
As to watch you grow up
To know that one day I'll have to set
you free
Into a world of your own where you may no longer need me.

But in a sea
And no matter what happens in our
lives you will always be
Daddy's little girl.
Love,
Dad (Ryan Osceola)

I would like to wish my daughter Ry anna "Nanna" Osceola happy birthday on Jan. 1 -my New Year's baby.

I can still remember seven years ago when you came into this world and I held
you for the first time. I was proud to tell you for the first time. I was proud to tell
your grandpa that I had a baby girl. Not a day goes by that I don't think about you and your sister Jordan Osceola.
I know I'm far away from you right now and I can"t hold you when you need me but
my love for you is " 100 ." I know I wasn't my love for you is "100." I know I wasn't
there all the time but when I was, I gave all my love and attention to you whenever you needed me.

I'm sorry that I had to miss your special day but always remember that Daddy loves you and your sister Jordan Osceola and y all
mean the world to me. Nanna, be good in school and listen to your teacher. I love you and miss you.

Love,
Dad (Ryan Osceola)

Happy birthday, Devin Mindy Cypress Kimble on Jan. 15. Hey, cuz. Another yea for me to accept that you're really gone. for me to accept that you're really gone. I
miss you so I find myself always at your crib with Swan and Phoenix. They make $m$ e happy and they're so much like you. I'd give anything just to be able to see you again Dev, I love you and I never knew I could hurt like this. You will always be with me.
You are never forgotten and always missed. Youre never forgoten and always missed. remain. And you will be respected while rest. I love you. Bet that.
Love always,

Love always
Your cousin C
Fooshe 4-Life
To our one and only queen, Jennie B Harjo. Happy birthday to a grandmother and
mother on Feb. 6. It's the caring and sharing and the giving on your part. It's thoughtfulness and kindness and the warmth within your heart. It's your patience and your helpfulness and all your loving too. That makes and mother like you on this day. Happy birthday!

Love you always,
The Harjo family


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## POEMS

A Poem for a Special Someone
You are my inspiration Having you in my life You are indeed a special someone.

Loving you gives me hope To free this misery that I coped In those times I gave up
You came and I stood up.

Never will I forget
How you always cheer me up And for that I'm glad

Whenever I'm lonely You were there for me Keeping my heart alive
With your every smile.

I dedicate this poem to you To show how much you meant to me Ilove you
My special someone
-Alex Tucker Otter Clan

THANK YOU
Thank you, Baby
Salena, I appreciate you a lot. You are so beautiful, I would say angel only you don't have a halo. You've been with me every step of the through this 34 month bid I caught. You came to see me every Saturday going on a year now. You answer the phone
when I call home and you put money on my books.

Damn, baby. I can't complain. You are my true ride or die chick. You've been so good to me.
There ain t no better way to express my
preciation from where I am than to put it appreciation rom where 1 am than to put 11 I love you, Salena and thank you for being my wife.

Thank you for being you,
You are everything I ever
You are everything I ever dreamed of

## Your heart string,



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most deserve it most deserve it.

## Sincerely,

Beam Furr
Hollywood Vice Mayo

## Clouds of Love

On the night I met you,
My heart stopped beating At what I was seeing.

On this night for us
That shouldn't have been, What lay ahead nobody could see
You alone started these flames Of wanting desire,
A millions seas couldn't quench the fire
But love isn't always the easy friend, You have to sail the storm

So till the day comes That these arms can hold you near, ''ll sail the storms and watch As the clouds disappear.

- Alex Tucke

Otter Clan


## Golden Street

Seems for the longest I've sought your face
Only to discover the picture in life I'll never be able to place The pain is great for I was never to touch your skin or hear your voice Every tear has been silently stored away For us, nothing can we waste
The stranger to this heart will forever be held in its embrace Are you boy or girl? Black hair or brown?
Regardless you've always had a kingdom. You'll always be part of the crown From above you look down on "home team" and smile Yes! They are beautiful indeed and only through them is this journey worthwhile Life's lesson can only explain the feeling being taught
I often ask, "Was it my error? Father, tell me. Lord, was it my fault?"
What was I to do for the angel was already in flight
You didn't stay but in prayer I speak to you every night
If you have one each year this one makes number eight
In tears, I swore my soul never to lose track
man to move forward when the heart always whispers, "Look
So hard it is for a man to move forward when the heart always whispers, "Look
back."
Forever, I hold close to what is pure as I patiently await this heart's last beat It is then you'll take my hand and say, "Dad, walk with me on the golden street."

Wounds heal in time. Or do they?
One day I'll learn the answer
Leslie J. Gopher

## Thoughts of You

Fools sacrifice a payment far too great One being found in a world of envy and hate
In my journey there are those a heart yearns to meet The love of my princess is that of which I speak One day in their lives I pray to become a part I must begin somewhere, for I've too long delayed our start I was blinded to the absence mine would creat There are years left on a debt I must pay
n time I'll return and I can only ask to forgive my de This was written while having beautiful thoughts of each of you

For Kaylee and Lei Lei
As always, the two of you are my strength
Leslie J. Gopher

## Treasure

She's my treasure, tried and true
Whether I be right or wrong, until the end she sees it through
It may be in smiles or with tears
She's sacrificed much throughout the years When my path is dark and I've found myself alone
Her love has always been a light that's guided me on Her love has awous her there would be no me me on There's much more to her beauty than the ey
Daily, I hold her near and with words I share the love for you I treasure you, Mom. But of course you always knew.

For you, Mom
Thanks for it al
Leslie J. Gopher

## Her Splendo

## Look to the sky in all its splendor

Such is the beauty of memories created to remember
Holding close to that which life at times deems frail Patiently, the ocean of the soul awaits a ship eager to sail As is the night a gift of the day
There are gifts to be given and there are ones to be taken away Dreams often fade in the presence of those coming true
How a familiar face is found only in the image of the new How a familiar face is found only in the image of the new So precious is the flower and its petals that bloom
Continually life is present to change

For there is nothing beneath the heavens that the creator cannot rearrange The soul is a pillar that provides a sight to last Search beyond the boundaries for there is none that love cannot surpass It is there you'll find the beauty of a sister you'll forever remember


## SPD Offers Internet Safety Tips

BY SGT. ARNITA GARRISON
Contributing Writer
There are some quick and easy tips all parents should know about basic Internet safety. Please tak the time to familiarize yourself with these suggestion and rety.
safer Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules should b posted on or near the monitor. Create your own computer rules. Look into safeguarding programs or options your
online service provider might online service provider might offer. These may include ing capabilities. Always read a Web site's privacy policy before giv
ing any personal information. Also make sure that a web site offers a secure connection before giving credit card Web sit
ites for children are not permitted to request personal information without a parent's permission Talk to children about what personal information is and why you should never give it to people online.
If children use chat or e-mail, talk to them abou never meeting in person with anyone they first "met online. Talk
Talk to children about not responding to offensiv port any such communication to local law enforcemen Do not delete the offensive or dangerous e-mail; turn of the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.
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Know who children
and only let them use chat areas when you e-mail with heir activities. Net Smartz recommends limiting chat Be aware of child-friendly chat sites.

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Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, control ling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering de

Children should not complete a profile for a servic Children should not complete a profile for a service
rovider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child. Talk to children about what to do if they see somehing that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. Show them how to turn off the monitor and
emphasize that it's not their fault if they see something emphasize that it's not their fault if they see something
upsetting. Remind children to tell a trusted adult if they see something that bothers them online.
If you suspect online stalking or sexual exploitaagency. The National Center for Missing \& Expment agency. The National Center for Missing \& Exploited predators and child pornographers and contributing to law-enforcement investigations. It's called the Cyberedged and shared with the appropriate law-enforcement agency for investigation.

Seminole Police Department Expands Security Measures to Assure Tribal Safety

BY RACHEL BUXTON<br>Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON -The Seminole Police Department continues to help keep Tribal citizens and visitors safe by stepping up security efforts with a variety of new programs and technology. SPD recently rolled out new programs, including
the Youth and Elder Welfare Unit the the Youth and Elder Welfare Unit, the Street Crime
Unit and the Agricultural Unit. In addition, SPD has added security equipment such as night vision binocu lars and mobile surveillance cameras to assist in preventing crimes.
Heightened security has proven to be beneficial in preventing crime and keeping crimes rates down, according to SPD.
Tribal businesses and citizens can request SPD
Sel security services to protect themselves from unwanted trespassers or criminal activity. SPD offers four dif-
ferent security check services: Are You OK? (RUOK), ferent security check services: Are You OK? (RUOK),
residential, business routine and business alert residential, business routine and business alert. Are You Ok? security checks are offered to verify a reservation. RUOK checks include police visits and periodical phone calls from an SPD officer based on a specific request made by the community member. Community members can submit a request to have
a patrol unit or other sworn personnel conduct residena patrol unit or other sworn personnel conduct residen-
tial security checks, also known as away checks, to tial security checks, also known as away checks, to
ensure the safety of their home. During the timeframe specified by the community member, SPD will make
outine visits to the residence.
Business routine security checks are automatic se Business routine security checks are automatic security measures that SPD offers. These checks are con-
ducted indefinitely for every business on all reservations and are assigned to officers as part of their daily duties. Business alert checks are special requests made due to a special event taking place or suspicious activity that
has required additional monitoring. These checks have pecific start and end dates. pecific start and end dates.
To ensure safety and to
ervices, community members and businesses should contact their local SPD office to fill out a request form pecifying which security check best fits their needs. They should provide the department with contact infornation, emergency contact information and any specif
ics that will help SPD All information $g$
urity checks will be documented for further use and protection.
SPD encourages Tribal citizens to take advantage of the services offered to them and to contact them with any questions or concerns. Tribal citizens can call the fices:

Big Cypress \& Immokalee 863-983-2285
Brighton 863-763-5731
Fort Pierce 772-468-1990
Fort Pierce 772-468-1990
Hollywood 954-967-8900
Hollywood 954-967-890
Tampa 813-664-1253

SPD Offers Black Bear Awareness Training


The Seminole Police
Department will be offerDepartment will be offer-
ing a presentation by Mike Orlando with the Bear Management Program at
the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m.
to 12 p.m. in Big Cypress; to 12 p.m. in Big Cypress
SPD classroom. The course is designed
to provide knowledge and education on the black bear and its interaction with peo-
ple. The presenter will also ple. The presenter will also
offer verbal and physical offer verbal and physical
solutions to help avoid confrontation with the animal. Attendees will participate view a demonstration of specific deterrents. The training is open to Tribal citizens. Community
members interested in tending should contact T.J. in the training unit at (954)
$967-8900$.



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Big Cypress Seniors Enjoy Christmas Party

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Seniors from the Big Cypress Reservation joined Tribal el-
ders from the Hollywood, Brighton, Immokalee and Trail Reservations for their annual Christmas party at the Big Cypress Senior Big Cypress Tribal senior Jonah Cy-
press kicked off the function Dec 10 with press kicked off the function Dec. 10 with
three guitar selections of gospel Christmas songs. "It's wonderful to see all the elders from other reservations to come out and have a good time with us, Cypress said. .ese dong to
see each other enough, so it's refreshing to share the gifts we have and the fellowship that comes with it."


R: Serior C (L-R): Senior Center site manager Cecilia Guz tors commemorative shirt as a Christmas pres ent at the Big Cypress Seniors Christmas Party Paul Bust
Dec. 23.

## Big Cypress Community Feels Joy at Christmas Luncheon



(L-R): Samantha Vargas, 11, Stephanie Vargas, 9 , Dayra Koenes, 9 and Trinity Williams, 9 , enjoy the Teapod ride at the Big Cypress Christmas
Big Cypress Hosts Christmas Carnival and Concert

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

 thing for everyone at the Big Cypress Christmas carnival and concert on the Junior Cypress Rodeo Grounds.While Tribal youngsters Bustly Joe Re Rewbone Band, Buster and the Cowbone Band,
Billy Joe Royal and Ronnie
McDowell. Followed by a
 took the stage and performed a few
songs from his al-
bum, "Stay Close bum, "Stay Close
to Home."
McD o well
belted belted out songs
such as "Blue Christmas," "A out," and "Away
in Dixieland"" all in Dixieland," all
to the delight of
concergoers. concergoers.
McDowell's
"American Trilogy," which the
singer dedicated singer
to U.S. $\begin{aligned} & \text { dedicated } \\ & \text { military }\end{aligned}$
 personal favor-
ite of Chairman Mitchell Cypress.
The song, which Cypress said was "touching," Billy Joe Royal and his band give a perfor at the Big received a standing ovation Cypress Christmas Concert on Dec. 19.

(L-R): Ronnie McDowell, the headline performer at the Big Cypress Christmas Concert, pays a (L-R): Ronnie McDowell, the headine performer at the Big Cypress Christmas Concert, pays a
special tribute to couple Amy Adama and Chairman Mitchell Cypress as he performed a song entitled "Bedroom Eyes".
that song, most of the crowd just stood up because it meant a lot to them," said McDowell, who served in the Vietnam War
from 1968-1972. "It encompassed the patriotic feeling we all have especially those triotic feeling we all have especially tho
that have served in the armed forces."
Chairman Cypress thoroughly Chairman Cypress thoroughly en-
joyed the performances and was pleased joyed the performances and was pleased
with the turnout for the event. with the turnout for the event.
"Especially this time of year, it was great to watch the performers do what
they did," Chairman Cypress said. "We were blessed by God to have good and cool weather here. It was great to see evNancy Hoffman, a camper at the B Cypress RV resort, was blown away by
McDowell's 12 -song performance set "What a show," Hoffman said. "[Ronnie McDowell] has an entertaining and wonderful voice. My favorite part was when he did an Elvis impersonation
of 'Blue Christmas.' It brought me back of 'Blue Christmas.' It brought me back
to my teenage years, way back in 1956." to my teenage years, way back in 1956."
McDowell, a country artist who has been in the music business for 32 years, said he was pleased with the hospitality that the Seminole Tribe of Florida showed
him in his time at Big Cypress. him in his time at Big Cypress.
"The best part of my time here was coming with Billy Joe Royal," he said.
"I never dreamed to be on the same stage with him. Chairman and David Cypress with him. Chairman and David Cypress
were very nice to us and we would like to
come back again soon."

## Christmas Services at the Immokalee Church

BY JUDY WEEKS
IMMOKALEE - Members of the Immokalee Seminole Baptist Church gath-
ered in the reservation's gymnasium for ered in the reservation's gymnasium for their Christmas celebration and gave special
thanks for the new church building and fellowship hall that are nearing completion. The Seminole Church in Immokalee's
congregation has existed for more than 35 years and the elders attending the 2009 Christmas services on Dec. 6 have been a
part of the church's growth since the begin-
young children and traveled with their moth-
ers to celebrate Christmas at the churches in ers to celebrate Christmas at the churches in
Big Cypress, Brighton and the Trail reservations. Whether they gathered around a camp fire, in a chickee, wooden shed, a gym or a church sanctuary, the message has always been the same and they have never lost sight
of the true meaning of Christmas. Gathering with their families, the church members rejoiced as Fred Phillips
delivered the sermon. Accompanied by Jonah Cypress and Marie Phillips, they sang raditional Christmas hymns.
The highlight of the
The highlight of the Christmas servic
the children 10 of the old vacation Bible
school songs that the elders had learned
from their mothers. "I used to walk to the church in Big Cy press with my mother to sing those songs," mmokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper said. "She is gone now and the holidays
are difficult without her. The singing of the children makes me feel close to my mother and reminds me how important it is for us to gather our families around us. We take too many things for granted and only miss them
after it is too late to do anything about it."
ing.

# Preschoolers Enjoy Christmas Party at Big Cypress 

## BY NAII TOBIAS

 Staff ReporterBIG CYPRESS - Toddlers and other young children displayed their holiday spirit at the Big Cypress Preschool Christmas Party in the reservation's CommuThe fun The function began with a Christmas play, featurYou a Merry Christmas." After the Tribal preschoolers performed their selections, a special guest paid a sur-
prise visit. prise visit.


Tribal preschooler Shylah Walker
Christmas party held on Dec. 11.


## Creative Expressions Abound in Christmas Card Contest

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Sta }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Tribal families and departments used their imaginations to illustrate their holiday spirit in the Big Cypress Reservation's Third Annual Giant Christmas Card Contest. families and 14 Big Cypress departments, were dis families and 14 Big Cypress departments, were dis-
played along Josie Billie Highway at the front gate of the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.
Stan Frischman, assistant director for the Recre-
ation Department, said ation Department, said the giant-sized cards were a nice
attraction for passers-by. attraction for passers-by
mas cards, day and night," Frischman said. "They even light up at night, with Christmas lights strung around the entire display,"
One Christmas card caught Frischman's eye and
became his personal favorite. became his personal favorite.
"The Housing Department's Christmas Card was interesting," he
really clever."
"I liked the creativity and originality of it," he said. "They took pictures of all their employees, which
showed them holding hymn books, as if they were singshowed them holding hymn books, as if they were sing-
ing Christmas carols."
Frischman has organized the reservation's annual

Christmas Card Results
Tribal Familes

1. Alice Billie and Family, 2. Kassim Stockton and Family,
2. Cicero Osceola and Family, 4. Lorraine Billie and Fam3. Cicero Osceola and Family, 4. Lorraine Billie and Family.

## Tribal Departments

1. Seminole Fitness Department, 2. Seminole Fire and
Rescue, 3. Big Cypress Recreation, 4. Big Cypress First Baptist Church.
contest since 2006. He said he got the idea from a for-
mer employer. Frischman said he was simply looking for Big Cy-cutting-edge" for the holidays when he decided to start
he tradition.
The Recreation Department recently purchased 30
The Recreation Department recently purchased 30
-foot by 8 -foot plywood sheets, so Frischman figured many Big Cypress community members would take advantage of the creative opportunity.
"I felt it would be a good idea to do something like
his for the holidays," he said. "I thought it would help generate a Christmas spirit to the Big Cypress ReservaWith the contest beginning on Dec. 4 and ending on Dec. 15, Tribal fanilies
and departments used a vaand departments used a va-
riety of ways to decorate
thei plywod riety of ways to decorate
their plywood Christmas
cards. Some chose to paint cards. Some chose to paint
their cards sideways, while others chose to cut the plywood in haff, placing hinges
on the boards and making them simulate actual greeting cards.
To add to the excitement
surrounding the contest surrounding the contest,
Frischman and Recreation Frischman and Recreation
Department office man-
ager Sherry King co-wrote ager sherry King co-wrote
a poem encouraging those
interes interested to participate.
When Frischman When Frischman revealed
the results on Dec. 18, he presented gift cards and tro-
phies to the Tribal families and departments and offered some thoughts on the evolution of the contest.
"IIt's now becoming like said. "Listen to your parents and teachers. I got to go back up to the North
Pole. I'll come back down and see you later. Merry Christmas! Ho, ho, ho, ho, When Santa left the area, Rosalyn Walker, a
preschool teacher with the group of 1 -year-olds, led the participants in a prayer
before lunch was served. Tribal citizen Vera
Herrera, who is the Herrera, who is the
mother of 6 -month-old David Quincy Joe, was
impressed with how the Christmas function turned out. "It
"It gives us parents a chance to come together
and just get to celebrate with family and friends," Herrera said. "We all just
came to the Christmas came to the Christmas
party to have a good time and show our support to the preschool and our chil-
dren."

## President Bowers Hosts Christmas Party, Bellamy Brothers Perform

 Pierce, Hollywood and Immokalee Reserva-
tions. sion," said Brighton Reservation Pastor Wo who conducted the invocation. "Every year Christmas comes, we are to be thankful for Jesus. Jesus is the rea-
son for Christmas and in everything we do son for Christmas and in everything we do, we ought to
give thanks to Him."
President Bowers said he decided to host the party at Big Cypress after the Tribe ceased four years ago having a single Christmas party in Hollywood for all reservations. Since then, each reservation had held its own
Christmas party. Christmas party.
"I thought "I thought if we had this in a country setting this
time, without all the bright lights, we would have some
 good, clean entertainment in a family-type atmosphere,"
President Bowers said. "We're going to have it [in Big Cypress] again."
While partic
er, couttsy ontipants in the events sat down to eat dinner, courtesy of Fort Pierce Tribal citizens Shamy and
Wanda Tommie, Tribal seniors Sadie Billie and Rachel Pigeon sang a few holiday songs in the Creek language. That paved the way for the Bellamy Brothers, a country music band that headlined the evening concert.

The Bellamy Brothers, who are the recipients of  ful Body, Would Youid You Have a Beautiperformed several of their top hits for the participants.
The Bellamy Brothers - led by David and Howard Bellamy - sang many of their 35 -year catalog of songs, including "Redneck
Girl,"" "Beautiful Body," "Tropical Christmas" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." However, the band's "Native American" seemed to resonate with allof the Tribal
party attendees and the Bellamy Brothers party attendees and the Bellamy Brothers
alike. alike. "We decided to perform that song because we have a lot of Native American "It never was really released as a hit, but we always liked it, so we felt it would be a proper tribute to the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We
thought Big Cypress would be a great place thought Big Cypress , would be a great place to perform the song.

Horseshoe Tournament Results 18 to 54 years old (Co-ed): 1. Justin Aldridge/ Dionne Smedley, 2. Emma Urbina/Jessie Jacoby johns/Linda Tommie, 5. Kasey Baker/ Vernon Baker, 6. Laraine Billie/Chris Hulbutta, 7. Almira Billie/Steven Hannahs, 8 . Michelle Evanson/Bryan Corwin; 55 and over - Women: 1. Juanita Osceola; 55 and over
David Jumper, 2. Billy Johns.

The Bellamy Brothers headline the President's Christmas Party, as the
perform a slew of their classic hits for the attendees on Dec. 22.

(L-R) Tribal elders Sadie Billie and Rachel Pig
Bowers at his Christmas Party on Dec. 22.


Brighton Lights Up with Holiday Festivities
BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - The Fred Smith Rodeo Arena was
turned into a winter wonderland as the Brighton Reser-
vation gathered to celebrate Christmas.
"Ild like to welcome each and every one and wish
you all a merry Christmas." Brighton Council Rep. An-
drew J. Bowers Jr. said. "I hope all of you brought your
ice skates."
The rodeo arena was decked out for the Dec. 15
festivities with huge white snowflakes hanging from the
rafters and a variety of activity tents for the childden in-
cluding face painting, spray tattooing and balloon mak-
ing. Outside the arena, children particepated in carnival
activity houses and attendees showed off their winter
sports skills on an ice skating rink. The Holiday Hottie
Rockettes took to the stage and captivated the audience
of approximately 200 people with a variety of dance
numbers.
Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students also
entertained the community with a few Christmas car-
ols performed in their native Creek language. Songs
included "Up on the Housetop,", "Deck the Halls" and
"Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Santa and Mrs. Claus
made a special appearance, giving children and families
a chance to capture the moment with a souvenir photo.
Chairman Mithell Cypress was also a guest of
honor, bringing with him an ATV to be raffled.
"The year keeps going faster and faster," Chairman
Cypress said. "This is the time of year, we all get to-
gether and just smile."
Two days later, the seniors continued in the holiday
spirit during their Christmas celebration at the Senior
Center.
Roughly 30 seniors played several rounds of bingo

Willo James is all smiles as she gets a special gift from Santa.
before lunch, all vying for one of many gift card prizes Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. donated the gift cards for the event. he will be stepping down as pastor of the First Indian ucceed him

Attendees applauded Johns in appreciation for his
 work at the church where he served as pastor for $111 / 2$

(L-R) Alyke Baker, Todd Pierce and Kaleb Doctor show how Floridians figure skate on ice.

## "I'm just tired." Preschoolers serenaded the s niors with some Christmas son

 and presented them with a glass centerpiece. The preschoolers made the centerpiece, which had their hand-prints embossed on it with red and prints embos
green paint.
to sing holiday preschoors continued Christmas party, which was own under the chickee at the school Dec 18. Nearly 40 children, dressed as elves and reindeer, performed for
the many parents who attended despite heavy rain.
After the pre
After the preschoolers sang a Claus visited with them. He called them a very merry Christmas and giving them a special early Christ-
mas present.

Big Cypress Tribal Youth Enjoy Christmas Bash


## Big Cypress Reverend Tells Tribal Youngsters ‘A Christmas Story’



## Big Cypress Seniors Get Joy in Exchanging Christmas Gifts

BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS

- Big Cypress elders shared holi-

(L-R): Big Cypress Tribal seniors Minnie Tigertail and Joe Junior Billie decorate a tricycle at the Big Cypress seniors' gift exchange.


## Chairman Cypress' Annual Toy Drive Continues Giving Tradition

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
HOLLYWOOD - In what has become a highly anticipated tradition, Chairman Mitchell Cypress held his annual Toy Drive next to the Seminole Casino in ling Road.
"[The Seminole Tribe] giving back to the community is giving to all the needy," Chairman Cypress said most"," In its seventh year, the Dec. 9 event also include Santa Claus, free food
Popular South Flori-

within the community," he said. "My
kids are very blessed
o I like helping out." R. Tommie said she still enjoys hosting the event after
"It is all still somewhat overwhelming in a good way," Tommie said. "The success factor has remained but we have also been able to keep it all fresh and exciting each year. Each year, this has grown to benefit more Tommie said even those who are less fortunate give the cause. I continue to be amazed because people who really do not have much are the ones that continue to come out do not have much are the
and give whatever they can and give w
with each other, not havin all the seniors to spend time with each other, not having to worry about interruptions
from their families," said Big Cypress Senior Center site manager Cecilia Guzman. "They can remember all of pleasure to serve them." ree, lights and other holiday decorations. Butch tree, lights and other holiday decorations. Butch
Harrison dressed as Santa Claus and distributed presents under the tree to each senior at the event. The gift exchange began with a video presentation that high tghted as a special holiday mu-
ments. Following that was sical performance by Jonah Cypress, who played a medley of holiday-themed gospel songs with his guitar.

A prayer led by Tribal senior Joe Osceola Sr.
followed by the gift exchange. followed by the gift exchange Guzman, who played an integral role in or-
ganizing the function, was visibly overjoyed after ganizing the unction, was visibly overioyed anter
seeing a bevy of smiles on the seniors' faces particularly when it came to the Christmas tree decorations.
"The seniors are the ones that always wanted to do something like this every year," Guzman
said. "They've helped us decorate the Christmas tree and gave us some ideas on how to put it toLunch was served after the exchange. Servings included fried turkey and grilled steaks that had been cooked on a nearby grill. It "It's great to be celebrating Christmas with my fellow seniors," Osceola said. "The senior
center is a place to go and fellowship with my friends. I get so much love here and I thank everyone for what they've done for us this Christdecorate a tricycle at the Big Cypress seniors' gitt exchange.


First Seminole Baptist Celebrates Christmas with Play

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - Tribal youth participated in the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church's play on the birth of Jesus Christ.
Friends, fam
Friends, family and guests from many of the reser-
vations attended the annual event "This is a wonderful time of the year we all should
enjoy together," host and Church Pastor Paul Buster enjoy together," host and Church Pastor Paul Buster
said to those on hand. "Maybe through this play, folks said to those on hand. "Maybe through this play, folks
can begin to understand Christ better and he can come into your heart." Pirector and Tribal senior Judy-Bill Production Director and Tribal senior Judy-Bill
Osceola said preparation and practice for the youth Osceola said preparation and practice for the youth
has been consistent, going on every night since before Thanksgiving. She said she enjoyed the performances.
"I enjoyed it and [the kids] did good,"' Osceola said. "I enjoyed it and the kids, did good, Osceola said.
In his fourth year participating in the event, Michael Tiger played King Herod Antipas, known for his role in the eventual execution of Christ. He played the
role of Joseph, Jesus' father, last year. role of Joseph, Jesus' father, last year. "I liked being in the play," Tiger said. "I like the
speaking and acting."
After the program, the Tribal youth gathered for
gifts from the church staff.
The First Seminole Indian Baptist Church is located at 4701 Stirling Road on the Hollywood Reservation with worship services at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 11
 First Seminole Indian Baptist Church Pastor Paul Buster wel-
comes family and guests to the annual birth of Christ program.


Program cast of the birth of Christ.


## Betty Goosens addresses the gathering at the TCD Christmas party held in the ballrooms at the Hard Rock Hotel on Dec. 17.

## TCD Participants Celebrate the Holidays

BY MALCOM LACEY
$\qquad$ HOLLYWOOD - Members the things we do," said Goosens about the TCD ProThe Tribal Career Development Program came together in the ballrooms at the Seminole Hard gram has seen several Tribal citizens make a career out Rock Hotel to celebrate a year of achievements. of working within various parts of the Sea career out gram celebrated the year's achievements on Dec. 17 As Hotel and Casinos' operations and management. gram celebrated the year's achievements on Dec.
with Director Betty Goosens and Instructor Sharon Ahl

Seniors Celebrate the Christmas Holiday
 would not be here today enjoying Tribal senior Louise Billie of Big Cypress shows off her Santa gift.
such an occasion."


Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers Jr. with seniors at the Christmas party on Dec. 16.
Big Cypress Community Holds Christmas Dinner
 edged the Tribal attendees during
the dinner function. "When you think about it, [Jesus] Christ was born "When you think about it, [Jesus] Christ was born
in a manger," Chairman Cypress said. "We're having a
real Christmas party here at a barn. This is a time to enreal Christmas party here at a barn. This is a time to en-
joy yourselves. You never know who may be here next
year so have a merry Christas and year, so have a merry Christmas and happy new year."
The Big Cypress First Baptist Church Choir performed a medley of Christmas tunes. Master of Ceremonies Van Samuels came right behind the choir, as he
belted out songs such as "Merry Christmas to You" and "Winter Wonderland."
Meanwhile, Butch Harrison, dressed as Santa
Claus, was available for Claus, was available for photo opportunities with all of the Tribal participants during the dinner.
Tribal youngsters were happy to rece
Christmas presents at the formal forceioive a variety of
Christmas presents at the formal function.
The dinner ended with a few raffled Christmas


The dinner presents, including a golf cart, which was won by Nilda Big Cypress Community dinner held on Dec. 18.
Jumper.


The Big Cypress First Baptist Church sings a medley of hymns at the Big Cypress Community dinner held on Dec. 18.

## Trail Community Celebrates Christmas Holiday



Mary Jane Billie, winner of the raffle grand prize, a custom
(L-R) Parisjade and Kelvin Huggins Jr. with gifts from Santa. golf cart.

## Chairman Cypress toy distribution



Chairman Mitchell Cypress plays the role of Santa, once again, in the spirit of the Christmas season as of the Tribe at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Also joining the Chairman were Fort Pierce Liaison S.R.
Tommie and Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers.

## Tampa Community Enjoys Christmas Party

Contributing Writer ristmas party at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and while also presenting Tampa Liaison Richard Henry Christmas party at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and The night was filled with excellent food, stand-up the The next and arguably the most exciting event on comedy, and tons of door prizes and Christmas gifts. door prize format. Prizes ranged from flat-screen televiThe evening kicked off with dinner and a video sions to laptops, which lead to the grand prize give away presentation of 2009 events. Brighton/Tampa Tribal of new golf cart, donated by the Tribal Council.

Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. took the stage next The evening concluded with some stand up comedy to wish the community a happy holiday season. from the Pow Wow Comedy Jam. Four comedians, all and I hope we all have a great New Year in 2010," Rep. food, gifts and laughs.



Richard Primeaux enjoys bumping into friends on the scooter bumper car ride.

## Tribal Community Enjoys the Christmas Holiday with Carnival

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - Tribal citizens in the community enjoyed the holiday season with a carnival-styl Christmas party on the Seminole softball fields.
Hollywood Tribal Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. and Trbal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. spon-
sored a host of activities during the Dec. 19 party to cel sored a host of activi
ebrate the holidays. The festivities featured several attractions including bumper cars, bounce houses, an animal farm, ice cream, burgers and other activities. Cash drawings, raffles, dinner and music from Tribal citizen Spencer Battiest and
the Max Band also highlighted the day. There was also the Max Band also highlighted the day. There was also
an appearance by Santa Claus as well as camels and ridan appearance by hanta heighten the Christmas atmosphere. Third-year organizer and Council Office Assistant Robin Osceola said she began planning for the event in September. "I live for this and love this part of my job," Osceo la said. "It is all for the community and when they get to have something like this, they reall do enjoy
their back yard; I think they look forward to it." Board Rep. Osceola said he likes the positive feel ing that such an event creates.
tor the the time of the year to give back and have quality time to-
gether," gether," he explained.
Tribal senior Juan
the event with Tribal youth and grandson David Nelson. I like it all because it keeps us together on the res
ervation and it is all about family", she said. "The kids
are safe and it is in the community. It is all nice this time re safe and it is in the community. It is all nice this time
of the year""
 the Tribal Christmas carnival

## Tribal Employees Celebrate Christmas at Xtreme

 appreciates them in this way.
Whether they are Christians, of pool.
Jews or Muslims, it is a way to
celebrate the holiday."
Board and Credit Finance Office Administrative Assistant Melissa Atkins said it ing the facility.
very family oriented," Atkins said. "I feel very fortunate to be working for the Tribe and able to go there and cel-
ebrate the holidays." Chairman's Office Research Assistant Nicole Can ton brought her two nephews Christian and C.J. to the


Tribal employee Lisa Samuels shows off her first place trophy on the race track.
event to join in the fun.
"I think it was a good turn out and a great family place for employees to celebrate the season," said the Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola r. also made an appearance at the event.
Xtreme is one of the longest and fast
state of Florida. The facility has 40 European Bowman Race Karts that can reach speeds of up to 45 mph , as
well as a comprehensive race analysis and live results well as a comprehensive race analysis and live results
on a 30 -foot timing scoreboard. a 30 -foot timing scoreboard.
Xtreme also has a 4,000 -square-foot sports bar with
562 -inch projection television and more than 120 interactive arcade games including NASCAR simulators, Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Ir. enjoys a derby owners club, basketball games and a mini bowl-
game of pinball during festivities at the Xtreme Indoor Kartgame of pinball during festivities at the Xtreme Indoor Kart
ing facility.


Immokalee Employee Christmas Party BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
IMMOKALEE - Immokalee Reservation em- $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { The afternoon was spent playing the gift exchange } \\ \text { gameryone received four numbered tickets. As the }\end{gathered}$ ployees gathered at the gymnasium for their annual numbers were drawn, the players came forward to select Christmas party Dec. 16.
Following a luncheon buffet, Immokalee Council $\begin{aligned} & \text { a gift from the pile on the tables at the front of the room. } \\ & \text { Once everyone received a gift, the numbers continued }\end{aligned}$ Liaison Elaine Aguilar thanked everyone for their com- to be drawn and the lucky player had an opportunity to
bined efforts in service to the community. bined efforts in service to the community. fortunate to have such a dedicated team of individvery fortunate to have such a dedicated team of individ- while players resorted to humorous antics in an effort
uals administering to their needs," Aguilar said. "Some
to protect them from transfer. Presents were eventually of you are Tribal Citizens and others have become like opened and the room filled with laughter at the gag gifts
members of our extended family. As a token of our ap- that were hidden inside the wrappings. members of our extended family. As a token of our ap- that were hidden inside the wrappings


Immokalee Seniors Christmas Party

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - The spirit of the holiday season was in the air at the Immokalee Senior Center on Dec
15 for the annual Senior Christmas Party An abundance of Christmas decorations set the stage for the gala event, but the most important ingredient for the celebration was the guests who traveled from other reservations to share in the festivities. Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers, Sr. encour-
aged everyone to remember the true meaning of Christmas. "During the three Seminole Wars, many of our ancestors were removed to the Oklahoma Territory, Bowers said. "One good thing came from that tragedy.
Native American missionaries found their way back to Florida and brought us the hope of Christianity. Florida and brought us the hope of Christianity. Christmas is a time to give thanks to God for the trust that he has placed in us.
 meaning of Christmas.
medley of Christmas carols and a contemporary Country Western ballad. The aspiring young singer and high
schooler received a generous round of applause. schooler received a generous round of applause.
It would not be a Senior Christmas event without the welcome presence of Seminole craftsmen setting up
a marketplace for their wares. A colorful array of handa marketplace for their wares. A colorful array of hand-
crafted merchandise lined the sidewalk at the entrance to the center. in shopping for the perfect gift and exchanged ideas ind information with old friends. Topics of conversa-
tion ranged from hard-to-find beads and fabric sources and inrormatom hard-to-find beads and fabric sources
ton ranged from trand
to new grandchildren and cherished memories of life in to new grandchildren and cherished mernes.
the Seminole camps.
The morning activities included five rounds of binThe morning activities included five rounds of bin-
go. Playing eight cards each, the participants competed go. Playing eight cards each, the participants competed
for gift cards. The winners were: Crazy Letter "C": Sal-
ly Tommie; Double Bingo: Sally Tommie; Regular or 4 for gift cards. The winners were. Crazy Let egular or 4
ly Tommie; Double Bingo: Sally Tommie; Re
Corners; Pete Aguilar; Kite: Agnes Cypress; Full Card: Corners; Pete Aguilar; Kite: Agnes Cypress; Full Card:
Daisy Jumper. Daisy Jumper.
Raffle tickets also were drawn for colorfully wrapped gifts that surrounded the Christmas tree. Pres-
ents included cooking appliances, hardware, tools,

Immokalee Preschool Christmas Party
 ruses with enthusiasm.


Immokalee Preschool Site
Manager Michelle Ford said each Manager Michelle Ford said each
child had prepared a wish list for Santa by pointing at pictures in a
catalog. He arrived with sacks filled with presents bearing their names. Taking turns on Santa's lap,
the gifts were distributed while the the gifts were distributed while the
parents crowded around for a photo parents crowded around for a photo
opportunity. The very young want-
ed no ed no part of the bearded stranger, so he invited the parents to hold and
distract their babies while e eneck distract their babies while he snuck
in from behind for a candid shot in from behind for a candid shot.
Tiny Aubree Rodriguez reached forward, entangled her little fingers in Santa's beard and
gave it a hard tug. Wide grimacing in pain. Wide eyed and dear, it's real!",
The room
亚 The room was filled with
laughter when Santa reached out to laughter when Santa reached out to
Kazmir Joiner and said, "Give me Kazmir Joiner and said, "Give me
five!" The young man immediately
dropped to dropped to the floor and gave him
five push ups, then jumped up and (L-R) Brandon Posada, Denise Gonzales and Amara Martinez entertain their audisaid, "Merry Christmas Santa!",


Santa hugs his little elf, Jaylee Jimmie Angelina Yza

(L-R) Amara Martinez, Federico "P.J." Rodriguez and Ange school Christmas program.


When Santa Claus said "Give


Immokalee Community Christmas Celebration

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - Immokalee community members gathered in the entertainment pavilion at the Immokalee Semi-
nole Casino for their annual Christmas nole Casino for their annual Christmas
celebration. The Dec. 18 event appeared to be a series of small family reunions that ul
timately became one big gathering of community members. Some groupings contained three and four generations
were eager to share the holiday spirit. were eager to share the holiday spirit.
A large Christmas tree dominated one end of the room, which was lined with age and gender appropriate gifts. An
enormous cake featured a snow covered enormous cake featured a snow covered
village, complete with a church, houses, stores, ice pond and landscaping. Encir-
cled with Christmas trees and snowmen, it drew a large crowd of youngsters eager
to sample its holiday treats.

gifts and the youngsters running back and

forth in anticipation, I can't help but think back to the
Christmases of the past," Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said.
day the thrill we felt at receiving a new pair for one that would have to last us throughout the year. It would provide them with a whole new outlook on the things Aguilar recalled how her generation grew up poor in material items but rich in family values. Whole camps traveled to distant villages to share a feast of simple
food prepared over the open fire, she said. Holiday gifts food prepared over the open fire, she said. Holiday gifts
included a handful of oranges, a piece of candy, a hank of beads, a pouch of tobacco or a yard of cloth, she said. The party's long-awaited gift distribution began
when Santa Claus arrived. Lined up in anticipation, the youngsters took turns visiting Santa to receive a present that had been carefully selected from their wish list. Their choices ranged from personal to family oriented, home goods to wearing apparel, tools to sporting goods, and appliances to jewelry.
Raffle tickets were drawn for prizes such as bicy-
cles, Nintendo Wii video game consoles iPods, a $\$ 1,500$
cles, Nintendo Wii video game consoles iPods, a $\$ 1,500$
furniture certificate, deluxe barbeque grill, large-screen
furniture certificate, deluxe barbeque grill, large-screen
television and a golf cart


Immokalee Council Liaison Ela
Christmases of her childhood.

mokalee Christmas party.


Naples Community Christmas
 their guests and then shared Christmas
dinner "We saved a little back all year long
so that I could take my father down to so that I could take my father down to
Miami to buy beads, rick-rack, thread,
(Center) Matriarch of the Naples Seminole Community, Tahama Osceola is sur rounded by some of her descendants with whom she is sharing the Christmas pocket knives, candy, nuts and yards of material to hand Tama Osceola is fortunate enough to visit with out as Christmas presents," O.B. Osceola, Sr. said. "Ev- she has four generations of her descendents in one place eryone looked forward to the truckload of oranges we she has four generations of her descendents in one place picked in the grove and loaves of bread from the dis- a family portrait.

count store that we passed around. It is in our culture The families of Corey Billie, Naomi Walden, Chris| $\begin{array}{l}\text { to share what little we can and it will bring us blessings } \\ \text { throughout the year." }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { tina Billie, Connie Slavik, Tammy Billie and David } \\ \text { Billy are the latest to to share in the Osceola Christmas }\end{array}$ |
| :--- |


tradition.
Following the meal,
Following the meal,
the shouting and dancing
of children signaled the of children signaled the
arrival of Santa Claus. Taking a seat beside the Christmas tree in the
main chickee, Santa gathmain chickee, Santa gath-
ered the children around him to pass out stacks of presents that had been carefully selected for the Adults had received Osceola, Jr. called out the Osceola, Jr. called out the
numbers, they came forward to claim their gifts. Cameras, appliances, tool
sets, kitchen ware sets, kitchen ware, elec-
tronics, gourmet baskets, ronics, gourmet baskels,
jewelry, power tools, luggage and entertainment components were among
the items distributed. Three 42 -inch and one
50 -inch plasma television Youngsters from the Naples Community welcome Santa Claus to their Christmas party. were given away as grand

## Naples Shares the Holiday Spirit

 years ago to provide individuals and groups

with a means of sending a little
bit of Christmas joy to members of the U.S. Armed Services. The
Naples community adopted two platoons - 37 servicemen would
receive a Santa Stocking with a candy cane and handwritten
greeting card with a short sage penned by the youngsters in
the community the community. Twenty-nine Ma-
rines were given large stockings rines were given large stockings
stuffed with assorted gifts and a greeting card. chased games, toiletries, personal clothing items, insect repellent
and basic hard-to-find necesities and basic hard-to-find necessities
for military personnel abroad. A for military personnel abroad. A
mountain of presents was quickly accumulated in Santa's workshop
at the center in anticipation of
stuffing day stuffing day. Christmas carols, a buffet
 and holiday sweet treats filled the
 an assembly line to pre-
pare pare and ooverfill stoc
ings for shipment. The Christmas spir-
it and generosity didn' it and generosity didn't
end with the U.S military. Participants at the
Juanita Osceol ter collected so many
things for the Sioun tion at the Pine Ridge
Reservation. in Sout Reservation in South
Dakota that a second truck had to be sent to
pick up the gifts "I like receiving
Christmas presents, but I had more fun giving
gifts to other people gifts to other people,
even total strangers, than I have ever had
getting things," said Kennedy Huggins, 13 .
"I think that this great feeling is what they
mean when people talk (L-R) Pedro Zepeda, Kennedy Huggins and Marissa Osceola act as Santa's helpers as they make
Christmas stockings to send to
Christmas stockings to send to our armed forces.


## Seminole

## Tribe Mobilizes for Haiti Relief Efforts

## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - In the wake of the ruin and devastation of a magnitude 7.0 earthquake relief programs to aid and assist those affected in the disaster. The Hearts to Haiti program accepted pub-
lic donations from Jan 19-31 Two collection lic donations from Jan. 19-31. Two collection
centers were opened in Broward County - on the centers were opened in Broward County - on the
southwest corner of State Road 7 and Stirling Road on the grounds of the original Seminole Classic Casino in Hollywood and the valet porte cochere entrance on the east side of Seminole Casino Coconut Creek.
Donations also were made at locations in Immokalee, Big Cypress, Brighton, Tampa,
Trail, Naples and Fort Pierce. In all, the Tribe
baby supplies, toiletries, blankets, pillows, overgoods and medical supplies, dry food, canned
 mendously saddened for the people of Haiti and Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie said. "We tred ly believe that working together works to tru-

Seminole air shipment 34,000 bottles of water arrived at the airport in Port-au-Prince during the week of Jan. 18, acIn ad Tribal officials.
In addition to the Hearts to Haiti program, encouraged restaurant, retail and hotel customers at the casinos to round up their purchase
amounts to the next dollar, with their change to
be donated to the Haiti victims. Seminole Gam-
ing executives guarantecd a $\$ 100,000$ cash con-
tribution to tribution to support Crank It Up, which raised
more than $\$ 13,000$ at casinos in Hollywood and Tampa, Tribal officials said. School in Big Cypress also showed its generosity by raising $\$ 320.56$ through ice cream sundae sales at lunch time for Haitian earthquake victims. Tiger's original idea was to have a bake
sale but decided that sundaes would be sale but decided that sundaes would be a bigger

hit with students, Ahfachkee principal Walter Swan said. "We were thinking that we weren't going to even raise $\$ 100$," Swan said. "We didn't think for the sundaes but they proved us wrong | for the sundaes but they proved us wrong. It |
| ---: |
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|  |

A 45-foot Hearts to Haiti trailer filled with much-needed supplies travels down State Road 441 toward Miami. The shipment will then be sent to Haiti via Sante Shipping


## Tribe Preps for Alligator Wrestling at Okalee Celebration

$\frac{\text { BY JAIME HERNANDEZ }}{\text { Editor-in-Chief }}$<br>Editor-in-Chief

HOLLYWOOD - The seven-foot alligator is toothy Wus and thrashed violent-
lagoon by its tail and pounced on its back.
Moments later, Billie had the subdued gator's
his chin. The exhausted Seminole extended his arms
outward to complete the traditional alligator wres tling trick, known as bulldogging. "Being in such close quarters with something that can eat you definitely raises your stress level,"

Presidents' Day Celebration

BY JUDY WEEKS \& CHRIS C. JENKINS
HOLLYWOOD - President Richard Bowers Jr. sponsored a commemoration luncheon at the Hollywood
Tribal Headquarters Auditorium to honor the presidents Tribal Headquarters Auditorium to honor the presiden
who have served the Seminole Tribe of Florida. "Over the years our Presidents have addressed many "Over the years our Presidents have addressed many of Florida, Inc. has accommodated population growth,
reservation expansion, Charter revisions, administration of corporate business, encouragement of private enterprise and employment opportunities, job creation and
development of agriculture and natural resources. Striving to enhance the cattle, health, education, housing and 4-H programs have been among the priorities."
Each living president was featured individually during the Feb. 16 luncheon, which was held a day after the national Presidents Day holiday. Mitchell Cypress, Joel
M. Frank, Sr., Happy Jones, Howard Tommie, Wonder M. Frank, Sr., Happy Jones, Howard Tommie, Wonder Joe Osceola Sr. shared insight into their lives and the office they held.
In an expression of gratitude, President Bowers and Tribal Secretary Priscilla Sayen presented a plaque and
official Tribal Board flag to each of the living presidents official Tribal Board flag to each of the living presidents
and to a family member of those who are deceased. and to a family member of those who are deceased.
"I think it is a good thing and has been long due," said Moses Osceola, who served as President of
the Tribe from 2003-07 "I had the opportunity to get the Tribe from 2003-07. "I had the opportunity to get to
know some of [the former presidents]. They have served know some of [the former presidents]. They have served
the Tribe well with hard work and dedication. I always the Tribe well with hard work and dedication. I always considered it a great opportunity and pritege
our citizens." During the opening ceremony, the Seminole Vetthe Seminole Tribe of Florida flag in deference to the deceased presidents as their names were read and their
portraits displayed. Moses Jumper Jr. recited a poem in portraits dis.
their honor.

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## Eagles Soar Into Class

 1A State Final Four
## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - Going into the 2009-2010 girls high school basketball season, Ariyah Osceola and her

Hollywood Christian
Academy Eagles teammates had only one
goal in mind - to win goal in mind - to win
the school's first-ever state championship. tian Academy gained
that opportunity after blowing out the Miami-
Northwest Christian Northwest Christian
Eagles, 63-13, in their
Class 1A regional title game on Feb. 20 .
The game was The game was
pretty much over by the end of the first quarter,
as Hollywood Christian as Hollywood Christian stormed its way to a
$21-7$ lead at that point. who has averaged 13.7 points per game this season, scored eight of her team's 21 points
in the first period, in cluding two wide-open 3-pointers that sent
Hollywood
Hollywood Christian's home crowd into a frenzy. Hollywood Christian (27-4) used its potent combi-
nation of sharp shooting on offense and stingy defense to nation of sharp shooting on offense and stingy defense to
extend that lead to 47-11 at halftime.

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 Hollywood Christian sophomore
guard Ariyah Osceola scores 14 points in the district title game against Highland Christian.

## Don't Miss the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Okalee Village Mar. 11-14



Left, Tribal senior Judy Bill Osceola and son Hyde Gopher prepare to unload essential supplies at the State Road 7 and Stirling hribe's Haiti Relief effort

## * RELIEF

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shows that the Ahfachkee kids have really big heart They make sure to remember people that are in need." All of the money collected at the school supported Grammy-Award winning musician Wyclef Jean.

quake and anxious to lend a hand.
Tribal citizen Judy Bill Osceola said it was her religious duty to help. She and son Hyde Gopher donated gallons of water and canned goods.
"As a Christian, the Lord expects you to help peo-
ple in need," Osceola said. "You have to give and help ple in need," Osceola said. "You have to give and help
because they need it. It has been instructed in my heart Dozens of aftershocks, including a 5.9 -magnitude ake on Jan. 20, have rocked the impoverished island nation. More than two million people are currently homeless and the estimated death toll exceeds
150,000 .
"In has to be devastating to lose your whole
family," Tribal citizen Willie Johns said. "We should do our part.'
The tragedy has also affected the Seminole Hard Rock community. Seminole Hard Rock Presi-
dent Phil Madow said more than 200 of his staff dent Phil Madow said more than 200 of his staff
members have family in Haiti, including Haitian members have family in Haiti, including Haitian
native Stanley Deilette of the Hard Rock's security staff.
As a four-year employee, Deilette's immediate
family resides in the city of Carrefour, a poor resi family resides in the city of Carrefour, a poor resi-
dential commune in the Port-au-Prince metro areadential commune in the Port-au-Prince metro area.
He said he has made contact with his family since He said he has made contact with his family since
the original earthquake, and all of them survived. But he has no idea how to provide support from so far away.
is unbelievable" year about something like this, it all you feel helpless. ... Most of our people just
and all you feel helpless. ... Most of our people just
believe in God first and that there is hope by just starting overr."
Donations also have been going to the Food for the Poor organization. The Coconut Creekbased non-profit group has a long history of providing relief services in Haiti, including in 2008 when
several tropical storms caused extensive flooding and killed hundreds of people.
$\log$ on to www.foodforthepoor.org or call (954)
$427-2222$. 427-2222.

Seminole Tribune Staff Reporters Rachel Bux loading the first of two trailers with supplies ready for delivery to Haitian victims of the Jan. 12 earthquakes.

## OKALEE

From page 1 A
of people attended the event and similar crowds are expected this year, according to James Holt, a Tribal citi-
zen who is organizing the deep-water alligator wrestlin competition. Prize money for the judged competition
ranges from $\$ 5,000$ for first place to $\$ 500$ for fifth place.
"We try to recreate it as it would happen in the wild," said Holt, who also wrestles alligators but will wild, said Holt, who also wrestles alligators but will want to show people that this is not a side show." Deep-water alligator wrestling in the Tribe dates
to the 19 th century, when Seminoles relied on alliga-

 Dion-water alligator wrestlers like Baring Okalee Village's early days.
into deep Florida canals, swamps
and rivers, wrestle an alligator to into deep Forida canals, swamps
and rivers, wrestle an alligator to
the surface and subdue the reptile. the surface and subdue the reptile.
The men captured several alligaThe men captured several alliga-
tors at time and kept the animals alive in their yards for when food
was needed - a necessity considwas needed - a necessity consid-
ering the lack of refrigeration at the time.
The

The Tribe began hosting
adside deep-water roadside deep-water alligator
wrestling shows when wrestling shows when Okalee Vil-
lage opened in 1960. As the Tribe lage opened in 1960. As the Tribe
has developed and more of its citizens have pursued professional careers in areas such as law, government and gaming, fewer Tribal
members have been interested in members have bee
alligator wrestling.
alligator wrestling. The hazardous tradition has also deterred many Tribal memaers. Scars are common among
alligator wrestlers and many of alligator wrestlers and many
them have lost limbs. them have lost limbs.
Holt and Tribal
the alligator wrestling competithe alligator wrestling competi-
tion helps remind and educate Tribal members and others about an important piece of Seminole
heritage
heritage.
"This is alligator wrestling in
its purest form. We do it the way its purest form. We do it the way
it was done then," said Holt, who plans to organize a series of alplans to organize a series or al-
ligator wrestling competitions in
the next few months. "This conthe next few months. "This co

PRESIDENT'S DAY
$\frac{\text { From page } \mathbf{1 A}}{\text { Guest speakers included current } C 0}$ Guest speakers included current Coun-
cil and Board members and other individuals who worked for the presidents before and during their administrations. Recalling
personal encounters, antidotes, historical
events, and the growth and development events, and the growth and development
of Board programs, they acknowledged the of Board programs, they acknowledged
contributions and lifetime achievements of
the hores the honorees.
Attendees
Attendees also viewed a DVD presen-
tation prepared by Seminole Broadcasting tation prepared by Seminole Broadcasting
that provided insight into past presidents through the eyes of their fellow Tribal members.
c"The
"The individuals who have held the
office of the presidency have worked as ambassadors to Washington, Bureau of In-
dian Affairs dian Affairs,
and economic enterprises, as well as other Native Americans," President Bowers said. "While attempting to promote economic stability, they have never lost sight of the need for conservation and protection of the
environment." ernment with termination and assimilation, men representing various factions of
the Seminole residents of Florida formed a coalition to establish the sovereignty of
their culture and create a demoratic their culture and create a democratic gov
ernment with a Constitution and Charter.
Through this Charter the Presidents Through this Charter the Presidents gov-
erned the Tribe's Board of Directors. By shouldering the responsibility o
e presidency, the men have been instruthe presidency, the men have been instrumental in transporting an entire culture from obscurity into the 21 st century in 53 years.
With limited administrative and financial aid, the first presidents matched wits with government agencies, bureaucracy, major business in-
and a firm foundation and the building blocks for the future expansion of the interests of the Seminole for the
Tribe.

Ithink that I can speak for all the presidents when say that one of the most rewarding, but difficult, things
government agencies, bureaucracy, major business in- about our job was that we grew up and lived with the
terests and legal obstructions. They were instrumental people that we represented," Chairman and past Presi-

Presidents of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.
Frank Billie
William Bill Osceola
Howard Tiger
Joe Dan Osceola
Fred Smith
Cecil Johns
Mithell cypress
Moses Osceola
Richard Bowers, Jr.

Wind Clan

## Bird Clan Snake Clan Snake Clan Panther Clan Bird Clan <br> Bird Clan

 Otter Clan Bird ClanPanther Clan

1957
1957-1961, 1963-1967, 1975-1979 1961-1963
$1967-1971$
1971-1975, 1979-1983, 1987-1995
$1983-1987$
$1995-2003$
2003-2007
2007-Present
dent Mitchell Cypress said. It gives a better understand-
ing of the issues that we face ing of the issues that we face
and the individual needs in our community. ... Sometimes we have had to make hard decisions, but that is what has brought us to where
we are today, and hopefully we are today, and hopefully
will insure a bright future for will insure a bright future for
the Seminole Tribe."


The Hollywood Christian Academy Eagles win the District 14-1A championship on Feb. 6 after a $59-14$ trashing of Highland

## EAGLES

From page 1A
By then, Osceola had scored all of her 14 points in regional title game, with 12 of those coming of of 3-pointers. Miami-Northwest Christian (17-5) had no
answer for Osceola, who always seemed to find herself nswer for Osceola, who always seemed to find herself
en behind the arc.
Though Hollywood Christian scored just 16 points in the second half, they did not let up on defense at any
point, limiting Miami-Northwest Christian to just two points the rest of the way. Hollywood Christian used a $32-0$ run - spanning from most of the second through
fourth quarters - to totally extinguish any hopes for a fourth quarters - to totally extinguish any hopes for a
comeback from Miami-Northwest Christian Maleah Isaac, a sophomore, came into
during the fourth quarter and added five points to finish Hollywood Christian's scoring for the night.
"I'm happy with us winning but not satisfied with
we played," Hollywood Christian girls assistant how we played," Hollywood Christian girls assistant coach Marl Osceola said after the big victory. "I know
what's at stake and that's a state championship. Right now, it's just us trying to stay focused mentally." With Hollywood Christian going to the state $F$ Four in Lakeland for the third year in a row - the Eagles have lost in the Class 2A state semis for two consecutive seasons - Marl Osceola and head coach Carlos Adam
son want their team to stay consistent son want their team to stay consistent.
headed and focused will get bollywood Christian to it ultimate goal this season.
"Every team has emotion; they're so hyped up," Marl Osceola said of the programs competing for the
state title. "It all comes down to one game We just state title. "It all comes down to one game. We just got
to control our emotions." In 2008, Hollywood
state semis to eventual state champion Tallahassee-

North Florida Christian, 57-34. Last year's Final Four
loss to eventual 2A champion Community Schol of oss to eventual 2A champion Community School of apagles. Eagles.
It was the longest ride home for us last year," Marl Osceola said. "That loss to Community School of Na-
ples was a good one for us. We got real focused after
Holly Che Hollywood Christian faces Bradenton Christian in
Class 1A Final Four game on Feb. 24. With a Holits Class 1A Final Four game on Feb. 24. With a Hol-
lywood Christian win, the Eagles could face Class 1A favorite Trinity Christian on Feb. 25, provided it wins its state Final Four semifinal game.,
"We know what we're in for," Marl Osceola said. "The competition at this point is a lot tougher. It's where百


With Hollywood Christian assistant head coach Marl Osceola and sophomore Maleah Isaac among those listening in, Eatheir Jan. 23 road game against Community School of Naples


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##  Community

Gaming Commissioner Appointed at Council Meeting

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Tribal Council members voted unanimously to appoint Tribal citizen
Marcellus W. Osceola Sr. as a Seminole Gaming commissioner. Osceola replaces fellow Tribal citizen Holly Tiger Bowers, stepped down as a commissioner on Dec. 17 .
Fort Pierce Liaison S. R. Tommie supported pointment during the Jan. 27 Council meeting at the Bis ap pointment during the Jan.
press Reservation's commity center, saying that she sees it a a "seamless transition" in the Seminole Gaming Commission's regulatory body. Chairman Mitchell Cypress initially requested Osceola's appointment.
"It will fall right in with the plan on how Gaming would like to see things done," Tommie said. "Marcellus is savvy, a quick
learner and a successful businessman. I'm sure he'll do well with the international experience the gaming business offers." pointed es Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. remembered the newly-appointed gaming commissioner as a Tribal board member during the 1980 s, when the Seminole Gaming industry took off. said. "I think he has a good understanding of the gaming industry With that being said, the Council, I think, made the right choice The first Seminole casino, according to O.B. Osceola Jr., opened for business at the Hollywood Classic location in 1979 .
That was followed by a second Seminole casino in Tampa two That was foll

In the late 1980s, Brighton opened up its own Seminot In the late 1980 s, Brighton opened up its own Seminole Gaming facility. It preceded two more in Immokalee and Co-
conut Creek, with both beginning its business operations in the mid-1990s.
The Tribe expanded its gaming business even further in
2004, opening two Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino facili2004, opening two Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino facilities in Hollywood and Tampa, respectively.
In 2007, the Tribe purchased the Hard Rock International franchise from The Rank Group, a London-based stock exchang company. The Tribe now owns Hard Rock
chains in more than 50 countries worldwide.
The decision to appoint Osceola Sr as a gaming commis sioner was Resolution 24 on the special council meeting agenda for a total of 21 items - in the meeting's agenda, which included the following:

Resolution 16: Ratification of The Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission letter granting Fox Pan American Sports, LLC, permission to film the seventh annual Premios Fox Sport events at the Hard Rock Live! entertainment venue on the Hol
lywood Seminole Indian Reservation. Resolution 18: Ratification of the filming permission letter granting Spectrum Video Productions, Inc., permission to film a television show on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.
Resolution $19 \cdot$ Ratificati
Resolution 19: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe of Florida
filming permission letter granting the Univision Not filming permission letter granting the Univision Network Lim-
ited Partnership permission to film a television show on the Big ited Partnership permission to film a television show on the Big
Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Resolution 20: Revocable permit Seminole Tribe of Florida (permittor) and Explosive Promotions \& Events, Inc. (permittee) for location of a ticket booth for the sale of Super Bowl and Pro Bowl tickets - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation.
Resolution 22: Grant of easement for right-of-way to Florid Power and Light Company for Seminole Gaming Construction Trailers - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation. Resolution 25: Credit Card Policy - Version 3 - January Resolution 27: Amendment No. XXI to Constitution and By-laws of The Seminole Tribe of Aricla; to amend Article II,

## Board Holds Special Meeting in Hollywood

## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal Board of Directors met at the Tribal Headquarters Auditorium for a special meeting with seven resolutions on its agenda Feb. 9.
As part of a unanimous vote by the board members, resolutions 8 and 9 were approved for Tribal citizens Lydia Cypress and Toi Koenes Andrews as new applicants and participants in the Individual Tribal Member Cattle Program located on the Big
Cypress Reservation. Cypress Reservation.

The program exists to develop competence in ownership bers and three operations currently established through the Tribal Board. It is open to all men and women Tribal citizens at least 18 years of age, and applicants must find and purchase their own land.
Tribal Board of Directors President and ITMCP member Richard Bowers Jr. said he is proud to have Cypress and Andrew
"They are both good applicants who are women and over the past few years we have had them get more involved," President Bowers said. "We appreciate their interest because they are the 21 st century folks getting involved and their future looks great to
pass on our heritage." pass on our heritage.
tential members, including agriculture loans which can be applied for through the Tribal Board; loans received through the Federal Housing Administration; the redevelopment of land; or by purchasing land from another Tribal citizen
for the Brighton Cattle Range for 18 years, who has worked for the Brighton Cattle Range for 18 years, said the program
dates to the 1950 s around the time the Tribe became federally recognized. She said Tribal citizens and program co-architects
Cecil Johns and Fred Smith Sr. would be proud of its growth and development
"When I first started there was a lot of disorganization, bu throughout the years we have grown and learned about how
portant this program is for the Tribe," Smith-Simmons said. Other resolutions passing included

Resolution 5: Authority to negotiate sublease extension for Big Cypress Trading Post
Resolution 6. Autho
Resolution 6: Authorization to negotiate with Jack Bartlett of Jack Bartlett Homes

Resolution
Cattle Herd
For mere Range offices in B.C. at (863)983-4141 and in Brighton at


Fort Pierce Residents Take Tour of St. Lucie County Museum

| BY NAII TOBIAS |
| :---: |
| Staff Reporter |
| FORT PIERCE - Remus Griffin has spent |
| many weekends barbecuing and relaxing on a | many weekends barbecuing and relaxing on a

beach near the St. Lucie County Museum, curious beach near the St. Lucie County Museum,
about what was inside but never entering. Griffin, 29 , satisfied his curiosity Jan. 22
when he, his family and co-workers from the Fort when he, his family and co-workers from the Fort
Pierce Reservation toured the museum. Griffin, Pierce Reservation toured the museum. Griffin,
a member of the Tommie family and nephew of a member of the Tommie family and nephew
Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie, was accomFort Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie, was accom-
panied by his wife, Yanna, and their 6-month-old son, Remeil.
"To be honest with you, I just wanted to see
what the exhibit was about," Griffin said. "I've what the exhibit was about," Griffin said. "I've
spent my whole entire life in Fort Pierce, but for some reason, I never got around to it. I fished around the museum and my family had a lot of
picnics near the park here." The Tommie family members viewed an array
of St. Lucie County's historical artifacts, which include a photographic collection of Crayola cray ons from creator Edwin Binney. There also was a port Pierce a 500 -pound Goliath grouper, taken in Ort Pierce on April 22, 1933.
Griffin, a fifth-generation
prised to learn that 120 Seminoles lived in his hometown many years ago, among a host of other
historical facts. historical facts.
But what captured Griffin and his family the most was the Seminole artifacts exhibit, which
was collected by the Tommie family many year ago. Among the various Seminole items on dis play were a depiction of the Tommie family's old chickee, several Seminole patchwork clothing items and some Seminole dolls.

Shamy Tommie, cousin of the Fort Pierce li-
on, was the architect of the Seminole exhibit in aison, was the architect of the Seminole exhibit in
1968, when he was just 10 years old. As he took a long look at the image of a Seminole woman
 rosene lamps for lighting. She later gathered her family and employees around for a storytelling session, and everything she said about her experi"The a young child. "The Seminole camp you see here is very traditional," she said
"The mosquito nets were considered our living quatrers. When we grew up, our family had to wash our clothes
and take baths in and take baths in a pond."
As a fourth-generation Tommie
the Fort Pierce liaison the Fort Pierce liaison spent many of her childhood days cutting corn
for food. There weren't many games for food. There weren t many game
available for recreation, so she and the family usually played tag or hide-and-seek.
"Nothing was handed to us," Sal ly R. Tommie said. "We had to work special eye out for us. He provide special eye out for us. He provide
us with whatever we needed and He knew what elements we were under. Tommie stressed the importance
of the older Seminoles passing down of the older Seminoles passing dow
the Tribe's culture to future genera the Tribe's culture to future genera
tions. "The responsibility lies on us
those that experienced it - to shar our history with our descendants,"
she said. "It's she said. "It's good to let our youth
know about this because when we're know about this because when we're
no longer here, they will be the ones no longer here, they will be the ones

Big Cypress Holds Annual Winter Festival

## BY JUDY WEEKS

BIG CYPRESS - The softball field on the Big Cypress Reservation was turned into a winter won-
derland with 100 tons of snow brought in to create the derland with 100 tons of snow brought in to create the
backdrop for the annual Winter Festival backdrop for the annual Winter Festival.

Each of the Big Cypress departments created booths
fering games of chance and opportunities to express offering games of chance and opportunities to express
creativity during the Jan. 30 event. Ball tosses, guessing games, miniature golf, a spinning prize wheel, bean bags and darts were just a few of the featured activities. In addition to individual booths, the Ahfachkee
School, Boys \& Girls Club, Allied Health, and Tribal School, Boys \& Girls Club, Allied Health, and Tribal
departments such as Library, Education, Recreation and departments such as Library, Education, Recreation and
Community Fitness participated in a joint venture called the Snowball Capture the Flag Race.

Teams were formed with four to six players each throughout the day. Challenging each other, the players advanced on bouncing balls around a hill of snow and through a barrage of snow balls to capture the flag at the
end of the opposing team's field. iPod gift cards were given out as prizes.
Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swan said the Ahfachkee School Principal water S
festivities brought the community together. festivities brough inth the youth of the community tears
 down barriers and builds important bonds that can fur-
ther the cause of education, responsibility, self-reliance ther the cause of education, responsibility, self-reliance only is the school an important part of the community, and self-esteem for our young people," Swan said. "Not Together, we can work to shape a positive future."
 young, but also caters to the young at heart. A variety of refreshments, adult prizes and a bingo tournament drew a large crowd. Children
circulated back and forth between the snow circulated back and forth between the snow
slide the carnival midway and the activity slide, the carnival midway and the activity
booths all day long. Participants in
their supplies and got an early start on creating their culinary masterpieces from scratch. Chefs carefully guarded their recipes and secret in-
gredients. Paul "Chunky" Buster took second gredients. Paul "Chunky" Buster took second
place with his "Blind Man's Chili" and had a long line of people wanting to get a taste. In addition to snow cones, popcorn, fruit parfaits, corn on the cob, and fry bread, traditional dinners prepared over a campfire were vailable.
Car show participants filled the back sec-
ion of the ball field with their entries and drew tion of the ball field with their entries and drew
a steady stream of admirers throughout the day. Entries featured elaborate paint jobs, lavish interiors and state-of-the-art sound systems. Avid collectors like Ronnie Billie, placed only a portion of their toys on display.
His entries included street bikes, a sport utility vehicle and a truck. His son, Ronnie Billie, Jr.
also participated in the competition, entering a also participated in the competition, entering a
classic car that took first place in the category.
the team challenge to capture the flag.
the team challenge to capture the flag Mountain to get ammunition for


Ronnie Billie, Sr. polishes his motorcycle collection in anticipation of the judging.

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Brother and sister Zachariah and Alena Stockton share a tube on Snowball Mountain


A face painting artist at the Big Cypress Winterfest carnival Vanessa osceola found
friend in the pony ring.


Beverly Osceola kneads her famous
before dropping it into the kettle.


Virginia Tommie, left, and Teresa Jumper put a whole new
meaning on combat cars as the try out Thomlyn Billie's entry meaning on com
in the Car Show.

## RESULTS OF THE 2010 WINTER FESTIVAL CONTESTS:

## CAR SHOW:

Classic Cars: 1. Ronnie Billie, Jr., 2. Jonathan Bhagwandin. Best Interior, Paint and Engine: Ronnie Billie, Jr.
uscle Cars: 1 Ricky Doctor 2 Charlie yypress, 3. Joe Billie. Best Interior: Charlie Cy press. Best Paint: Phillip Jumper. Best Engine: Charlie Cypress.
Donk Cars: 1. Chris Betancort, 2. Jonathan nagwandin, 3. Fabian Mendoza. Best Interior Antonio Cardenas. Best Paint: Antonio Carde-
nas. Best Engine: Curis Betancort.
Luxury Cars: 1. Jamie Onco, 2. Richard Billie, 3. Klaressa Osceola. Best Interior: Klaressa Osceola. Best Paint: Terrance McKinney. Best Engine: Klaressa Osceola.
All Other Cars: 1. Ricky Doctor, 2. Richard Bile, 3. Joel Cavazos. Best Interior: Ricky Doctor


Billie.
4 X 4 Trucks: 1. Katrina Huggins, 2. Bill Bev-
enue, 3. Ronnie Billie, Sr. Best Interior: Katrina Huggins. Best Paint: Katrina Huggins
pickup Trucks: 1. Daniel Jumper, 2. Moses Orozco. Best Interior: Daniel Jumper Best Paint: Daniel Jumper
Jeeps: 1. Akira Billie \& Asianna Billie, 2. Joe Billie, 3. Brian Billie. Best Interior: Joe Billie. Best Paint: Akira Billie \& Asianna
Sports Utility Vehicles: 1. Keifer Bert, 2. Ronnie Billie, Sr. Best Interior: Keifer Bert. Best Paint: Keifer Bert.
Street Bikes: 1. Ronnie Billie, Sr. Best Interior: Ronnie Billie, Sr.
Hoggs: 1. Ronnie Billie, Sr., 2. Ronnie Billie, Sr., 3. Ronnie Billie, Sr. Best Paint: Ronnie Billie, Sr.
All Terrain Vehicle (4X4): 1. Jamie Onco
Side X Side: 1 Christale Coppedge
Side X Side: 1. Christalee Coppedge.
Children's Speciality: 1 Thomlyn Billie.
The Bests: Best at Show: Richard Billie. Interior: Keifer Bert. Paint: Keifer Bert. Sound Off: Victor Becerra. Side X Side: Christalee Coppedge.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Tribal: 1. Charlie \& Wendy Cypress' "Cypress Chili". 2. Chunky Buster's "Blind Man's Chili"
Roslyn Walker's "All me Chili by Roslyn", 2. Melissa Silva's "Touchdown Chili". 3. Evelyn Gilkes' "Ms. Maxine's Homemade Chili"

## BINGO GAME WINNERS:

1. Demetria Tigertail, 2. Patricia Osceola, 3. Daniel Jumper and Carol Cypress, 4. Ruby Osceola, 5. Claudia Doctor, 6. Hel 13. Louise Osceola, 14. Carol Osceola, 15. Tiffany Billie.

## Indigenous Baptist Missions International Conference Focuses on Haiti



From left, the Rev. Arlen J. Payne watches Leviticus Buster , and his parents, Betty and Keeno King, light up a candle during a lighting ceremony.
hey happen, the Rev. Payne said to the audience, taking time to pause a few moments as he spoke. "I thought
bout going down to Haiti and teach the people there still thinking about it."
manitarian organization called Carelink International, gave a 10 -minute PowerPoint presentation about his ministry missions in the Caribbean.
Scores of pictures of Haitian people were shown in the slideshow, which resonated with the entire congregation. As the presentation moved forward, Haitian

## pier times.

Matural di 200,000 people were reported killed by natural disaster and about 75 percent of Port-auPrince, the Haitian capital, lies in ruins. At least
1.2 million Haitian children have been separated from their families and placed into orphanages, though some media reports have said the orphan amount has swelled to more than two million.

Maggard opened two orphanages in Haiti called My Father's House in late 2008. He has witnessed an increase of Haitian orphans,
with at least 195 children housed there before the earthquake. Now, the My Father's House homes are just some of the 200 estimated orphanages affected by the quake. pastor or church, Hagard said nis hisse a pastor or church, Maggard said. His mission-
ary has been trying to contact 25 of his Haitian ary has been trying th contact th of his Haitian
pastors to see whether or not they survived the disaster. There is no official word on how many of them made it.
"em in Haiti," Magyard said "The great problem in Haiti," Maggard said. "The pastors in on track. We need your prayers and spiritual
help."
Worship leader Junior Battiest sings a gospel tune entitled "Light
house" as Vandall Samuels plays organ in the background. $\substack{\text { on tras. } \\ \text { help? }}$


Don Maggard, in the pulpit, says a prayer for offering prior to the congregation giving generously for the conferce's Hait relief efforts.

Check Up from the Neck Up

Brighton fitness consultant Joel Blomberg and Big Cypress Tribal youth worker Clea Billie HerMera partner for an exercise called "Yours Plus
Mine," a game in which one person touches an object and then taps the next person to do so, Jan. 28 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Jan. 28 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in
Big Cypress. Tribal members and employees from Big Cypress. Tribal members and employees from
the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood, Immokalee and Tampa reservations participated in the workshop, which is intended to promote teamwork and communication.


## Big Cypress 4-H Hosts Hog Weigh-In

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress 4-H club hel its hog weigh-in on Jan. 28 with just a few week
A total of nine hogs were placed on the scales nual event, slated for ban their preparation for the an nual event, slated for March 31 at the Brighton Reserva
tion.
"It's really to see if the hogs are on track to make "That means we have to get them to a certain size We try to make sure our 4 -H kids are taking care of them." Big Cypress 4-H program director weighing in at approximately 170 lbs After that, the hogs are usually tracked for an average weight gain of two pounds per day.
Hogs Hogs need to weigh at least 230
pounds for the Seminole 4-H livestock pounds for the Seminole 4-H livestock
show. The ideal hog weight for the $4-\mathrm{H}$ livestock show is about 280 pounds, Wil cox said.
A hog sale will take place at Brigh-
ton's Seminole 4-H livestock ton's Seminole 4-H livestock show,
which will determine how the 4-H club which will determine how the 4-H club
members kept track of the weigh-gain recommendations over the 62 -day period from the Jan. 28 weigh-in to the March 31 show.
"The 4-H kids have to present their hogs to the judges
them," Frank said.

He added that the 4 -H club members will earn ribbons at the livestock show
based on how the hogs were maintaine



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## Creative Expressions Night at Native Village

ons showcased their trom all the reservan Native Village Creative Expressions Night in Hollywood. Performers included Tribal employees Fred Mullins of the Family Serum Education Coordinator Diane Stone, as
well as Tribal citizens Zach Battiest, Everett Osceola, Paul "Cowbone" Buster, and Go don Oliver Wareham.
Tribal poet, author and artist Elgin recited some of his own original pieces as well as Shakespearian monologues.

- Chris C. Jenkins

Tribal citizen Eveat Osceola performs a martial arts technique calle "Cern Gaup Dan Kwun.

## CRIMINAL DEFENSE



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Seniors celebrate birthdays at Fuegovivo Churrascaria
 Jan. 19 event and said he con- Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr, left, and Tribal Council Rep. Max Osceenk tinues to enjoy the chance to right, joined by January birthday seniors Minnie Doctor, Paul Buster and Mary Moore.
who he considers some of the Tribe's most prized treasures. "I try to do these kinds of things because these are the people that started it all. I remember for instance a time when they had nothing and made it all work, Rep. Osceola reflected. This is a way of respecting them especially through food which is a part
of the Seminole custom. To remember them means a lot to them. We are taught in our culture to reflect on and respect them."
Robin Osceola, the Council Representative Office assistant and event coordinator, said it remains a privilege to organize such gatherings for the Tribal
seniors. "I think it is cool that the representatives do this for them and an honor for me to be involved in organizing and planning it," Osceola explained.
The seniors often choose the locations for their The seniors often choose the locations for their
events, which allow them extra time to catch up and events, which allow them extra time to catch up and
bond, said Patricia Ferreira, Hollywood Senior Cenbond, said Patrer
ter site manager.
"This was an opportunity to reminisce and catch
"Tite manager up and they like seeing Max, getting together and always enjoy this type of thing," Ferreira said. January included Eva Billie, Mason Osceola, Scarlett Jumper, Lawanna Osceola-Niles, Stephen Bowers, Tribal Council Treasurer Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. were also on hand.

## Environmental Resource Management Holds Workshop


do with this pilot workshop is establish a foundation to work
from," Osceola said. "This

Environmental Resource Management Director Craig Tepper describes the operations for Environmental Resource Management Dire
the different programs in his department. part of a fluid process with an

Topics discussed included the relationship between ever-changing landscape." ERMD and the National Environment Protection AgenPlanning and Development, said the workshops are also Species Act, wetlands regulation, and the Clean Water a vital part in the communication process for everyone. Act. Speakers also addressed the roles and responsibili"I want to get a sense, feeling and empowerment ties of the Seminole Water Commission and the roles
for customer service and be able to provide the best ser-
and functions of the Tribe's new Forestry Department. vice we can to our Tribal members and clients," Rodi- "This was the best time to catch everybody and find mon said to those in attendance. As one of the Tribe's most important operational lywood resident and Tribal citizen Richard Osceola. "I
entities, ERMD's is to protect and evaluate the Tribe's want to try and take more responsibility of where I reland and water resources, and facilitate the wise use and side to find out about what is going on and stay ahead of conservation of these resources by other departments, the game and give my input on how the planning of this

Tina M. Osceola Addresses EWONAP Consultation Session


Tribal Historic Resources Officer Tina M. Osceola, leff, addresses the Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs Consultation \& Coordination Policy with Tribal Governments session held at The Seminole Hollywood Hard
Rock Hotel Jan. 28 and 29. The session was attended by Tribal representatives from around the United States as well as a handful of Native American organizations, such as United South and Eastern Tribes, the National American Indian Housing Council, and the Red Cliff Housing Authority. The Tribe's Native Learning Center provided a brief update on its mission to promote awareness of the resources the NLC will be offering Native Americans in the coming months and years. Holly Tiger Bowers is the Executive Director of the NLC, which was estabished in November 2008 to provide Nawith knowledge and skills that improve quality of life through cultural and housing-related tive and indigenous pe

## Tribal Senior Dora Jim-Tiger Reflects on Seminole Family Spirit

OLXWOO $\begin{gathered}\text { Jim-Tiger grew up with four siblings, brother Phillip } \\ \text { Jimmie (deceased) and sisters Christine Jimmie Sheren }\end{gathered}$ HOLLYWOOD - Caring for family and serving Osceola and Linda Jimmie (deceased). She said it was a tant priorities for Tribal senior Dora Jim-Tiger. $\quad$ aunts, uncles, and other family was strong with everyWhen the opportunity a
parent to grandchildren Michael James Tiger, 11, and
Shelli Billie Tiger, 13, JimTiger knew it was the right describes as an emotionally draining process to gain legal custody of both of the youth, the situation was fi-
nally resolved in 2007 nally resolved in 2007 . my life for a reason," she
said. "When I got the call to take them I asked my former husband did he want to take them and he said yes,
so we did it." so we did it.',
Now 56 , she initially had difficulty adjusting to giving up her freedom, but her new role has become a defining mo-
ment in her life ment in her life and career.
"To know that I was there for them meant a lot
to me," she said. "I am so glad they have turned out the way they are. They are so smart and talented. I am
glad I have been there for them and in their lives," The strength of family has been rooted in her since
early on in her life. The early on in her life. The
mother of one always had a strong bond with her mother, Peggy Jimmie. Big Town Clan. "She washed, cooked and did anything she needed to do for us she did it. She taught us value and how to be honest people. I try to pass along the same
beliefs and morals ... that my mom told me. Always


From left, John Wayne Huff Sr., Howard Beilamy, Mary Huff, Vickey Huff and David Bellamy. The Bellamy Brothers performed a live concert to benefit the Florida Seminole Veterans Scholarship Fund, which will assist students like Mary Huff as they

## Seminole Veterans Establish Scholarship Fund

BY JuDY WEEKS
BRIGHTON - The Florida Seminole Veterans presented a live concert of the Bellamy Brothers in the
Veterans' Building on the Brighton Reservation to benVeterans' Building on the Brighton Reservation to ben-
efit their new scholarship fund. As Veterans of military service, we learned tha mate price," said John Wayne Huff Sr., president of the Florida Seminole Veterans. "We would like our legacy to be an investment in our youth. Knowledge is our most
valuable asset and it doesn't come for free."
A large crowd had gathered behind the building to A large crowd had gathered behind the building to
share a benefit dinner of barbeque ribs prepared by the share a benefit dinner of barbeque ribs prepared by
veterans and their families for the Jan. 15 occasion. "We waited a long time for a place that we could
meet together and call meet together and call our own and now we have it," veteran Jack Smith Jr. said. "We were sitting around, enjoying our new home here in the Veterans' Building and
wondering what comes next. The way to become a part wondering what comes next. The way to become a part,
of tomorrow is to become a voice for our youth today." During the opening presentations, Seminole veteran and Chairman Mitchell Cypress joined other veterans in
 thanking everyone for
their generous suppoit their generous support
of the scholarship of the scholarship fund-
raiser and reiterated that this is just the beginning for a project that they hope will continue for a
long time. long time.
lost a war and we will never give up," Brighnever give up, Brigh-
ton Board Rep. John-
nie nie Jones Sr. said. "We will fight forever for
our land and the things our land and the things
that we believe and we that we believe and we
believe in education for
our youth. Bellamy
The Brothers, Howard and
David, have been visit David, have been visiting the Seminole Tribe
for more than 12 years and have befriended many Tribal members. The band, which is celebrating its 35 th anniversary, provided a
two-hour live perfor-two-hour live perfor-
mance without
intermance without inter-
mission. Following the main performance, the brothers spent an hour
visiting with their Tribvisiting with their Trib-
al friends, standing for al friends, standing for
candid photos and signing autographs

Packed and Ready to Help a Needy Tribe


Donald Lusby, left, and Jim Edwards load one of three trailers packed with clothes, food and other supplies that were delivered to the impoverished Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, S.D. the week of Dec. 11. Eleven volunteers, including members from Brighton's Community Care for the Elderly and the Seminole Police Department braved 18-below-zero tempera-
tures and snowy weather to unpack the donations that were collected on all reservations with assistance from the Seminole Tribe Veterans.

## Seminole Tribe Enhances Public Safety with New Radio System

BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON - Seminole Police and Fire Rescu personnel ith each other by using the Floride to com Law Enforcement Radio System. SLERS is an all-digital shared radio network that covers more than 60,000 square miles and 25 miles off
shore. Reliable radio communications between publi shore. Reliable radio communications between public
safety personnel is currently only available on the Hol safety personnel is currentations, which use pre-existing
lywood and Tampa reservation lywood and Tampa reservations, which use pre-existing
towers nearby. Only 200 such towers exist in Florida. Police and firefighters on the Brighton and Big Cy-
press reservations, both rual press reservations, both rural areas, rely on old radio
systems that allow limited contact between them be systems that allow limited contact between them be-
cause of geographical barriers. The two reservations are cause of geographical barriers. The two reservations are
in the process of adding towers to allow SLERS usage. in the process of adding towers to allow SLERS usage
The process to join SLERS began back in 2007 when the Tribe's Public Safety Division and Emergency
Management Department started looking for a more

grant to cover nuch of the transition to To build our own system would be very expenTarrant. "This is the perfect solution and enhances these agencies to work together."
The Seminole Police Department and Fire Rescue Department will add 530 new portable and mobile raios once the system becomes operational in Septemradios PR 100 SLERS will give the acting agencies the ability down on valuable time during first responders, cutting emergencies, public safety officials said. "It will allow better service and enhance public safety for Tribal members, which is the whole purpose,
said Hilary Poisson, senior project manager of the Public Safety Division.

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## 2010 Fine Ants Contest Rules

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## Freestyle Alligator Wrestling Competition's (FAWC)

Freestyle Alligator Wrestling Competitions (FAWC) founded by James Holt (Seminole Tribal member, Panther Clan) will host an alligator wrestling competition for the 50th Anniversary of the Okalee Village being held March 11th through the 14th 2010.

FAWC is specifically designed for the sport of alligator wrestling. FAWC will provide judges, wranglers (spotters), alligators, prize money, intermission act, security, mc, and competitors (wrestlers). FAWC requires competitors and officials to meet a certain standard of experience and expertise to ensure that the contest is held at the highest level both for safety and competition.

Competition starts Saturday the 13th starting at 6:00 pm Competition starts Sunday the 14th starting at 2:00 pm

## Prize money

1st place $\$ 5,000.00$
2nd place $\$ 3,000.00$ 3rd place \$2,000.00 4th place $\$ 1,000.00$ 5th place $\$ 500.00$

This is a deepwater alligator wrestling contest and there will be a 10 minute time limit. Contest will be judged on water wrangling, style, appearance, showmanship, difficulty of tricks, and alligator aggressiveness. Competition is open to tribal members and non tribal members all competitors will have to prove that they have experience handling alligators. That will be determined by FAWC staff. Registration closes Thursday March 11th .

If you have any further questions please feel free to call (954) 826-7433 James Holt FAWC President.

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## Okeechobee Battle Reenactment

Pedro Zepeda comes out of the brush and takes fire before fleeing back into the swamp during a reenactment of the Okeechobee Battle. More than 7,000 spectators witnessed the Feb. 6-7 reenactment of the Second Seminole
War's fiercest battle on the Okeechobee Battlefield. The two-day event also featured alligator demonstrations and educational exhibits by the Ah-Thh-Thi-Ki Museum
The original battle was fought Dec. 25,1837 between the Seminole Indians and Col. Zachary Taylor's U.S. Army unit


## Wonder Johns Touches Lives Through Ministry

## BY RACHEL BUXTON

BRIGHTON - Wonder Johns has endured a lot during the past seven decades to spread the word of God, including two-hour drives to church each wee and constant relocations around the United States. So it was only a matter of time before Johns de cided that he needed a breal.
Johns, 75 , recently announced that he was ending his $111 / 2-$-year
service as pastor of the service as pastor of the Brighton First Indian
Baptist Church. The anBaptist Church. The an-
nouncement caps nearly 22 years of pastoral ser22 years of pastoral ser-
vice that Johns provided the Seminole Tribe of Florida. He also spent 10 years as Hollywood First
Baptist Church's pastor. Baptist Church's pastor.
"I'm not retiring," Johns said. "I'm just Johns
tired."
Ori Originally from Fort
Pierce, Johns Pierce, Johns moved to
Brighton at age 4 and Brighton at age 4 and
began his ministry in his teens while attending a Cherokee boarding school in North Carolina.
He was baptized He was baptized outside
an old rock building in an old rock building in
freezing temperatures freezing temperatures
and began attending weekly church services with his cousins.
Jobs were scarce at
the time in Brighton, the time in Brighton, so
Johns helped his aunt Johns helped his aunts
in the tomato fields. He in the tomato fields. He

much of his time to learning the Bible.
to finish boarding school to finish boarding school
and met his wife, Mary, a
Choctaw Indian and licen
Choctaw Indian and licensed practical nurse. The two many hours teaching the children the way of the Lord. married in 1956, six months after his graduation.. "I saw some things happen here; children accept the Johns, of the Panther Clan, then served in United Lord," Johns said. "I taught them about love and that's military service, he felt a calling to serve the Lord. It wasn't until Johns and his wife moved to Fort
Worth, Texas for missionary work that Johns became Worth, Texas for missionary work that Johns became
actively involved in his faith. A receptionist at the hospiactively involved in his faith. A receptionist at the hospi-
tal where Johns' wife was working said her church was tal where Johns' wife was working said her church was
in desperate need of a piano player Johns' wife agreed to play the piano, which gave him the opportunity to be- thing

Johns is again the song leader of the Brighton First
an Baptist Church. He said his time in the ministry "It's ang and that he enjoyed it.
"It's an interesting job," Johns said. "It's great to ee how people react and change. The Lord is able to hings." "One day I was in revival, sitting there among people but I still had that feeling I needed to go back and So he and his wife moved to the Hollywood Reservation in 1972 and then back to Brighton three years later. For the next several years, Johns served the Tribe by working for federal government and community ac-
tion programs. He also became a Tribal Council repretion programs. He also became a Tribal Council repre-

While residing in Brighton, Johns became close friends with his missionary mentor, Ge-
nus Crenshaw. Crenshaw nus Crenshaw. Crenshaw
helped him become a helped him become a
pastor, ordained him and presented him with his license.

In 1986, Johns became the pastor of the tist Church. For the next 10 years, Johns drove to Hollywood every Sunday to teach and preach to the members of the community.
nity. ${ }_{\text {John }}$
he Johns returned to dian Brighton First In-
Church in 1996 as its full-time song leader. While working as the song leader, Johns
was a member on the was a member on the
building committee and spearheaded the renovation and expansion of the church. He eventually be-
came the church's pastor came the church's pastor.
Along with renoAlong with reno-
vating and
adding to the church, Johns began cond anetor at the church and devote

## Immokalee Seminole 4-H Sweeps Steer Competition


the 2010 Grand Champion-
ship. Cantu's steer, a well ship. Cantu's ster, a well-
proportioned Angus Cross,
weighed in at a muscular 1,118 pounds with just the catch the judge's eye. The Reserve Champi-,
onship went to "Big Black,"
owned owned by Nehemiah Rob-
erts, 12. With a high-yield-
ing body and


Jessica Lopez was named 2010 Collier Couty Senior Stuw-


Nehemiah Roberts' steer won the 2010 Reserve Steer Championship at the Collier County Fair.


Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Oscela (left) and Iennifer Chatwick conder Juanita Osceola Center in January.

## Juanita Osceola Center Offers Vest Workshop

## BY JUDY WEEKS

## reelance Reporter

Naples - Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola was joined by Jennifer Chadwick to conduct a three-day workshop at the Juanita Osceola Center to played a vest created many years ago by his great aunt, Participants in the class held on Jan. 11, 15 and 18 been a stickler for details and perfection. Examining her were Tammy Billie, Karie Osceola, Naomi Brack, Con- handiwork was a rare treat for the workshop students.
ie Slavik, and Marissa Osceola During mie Slavik, and Marissa Osceola. During the first session, the group selected pre-made patchwork for their
projects to ensure they would have enough time to comSitting in on the clothing article.


Chadwick began her ini-
the group how by showing create a pattern that would and duce a custom fit for their garment. The students then selected patchwork, coordinating fabric and lining for their projects. The participants began con-
struction and by the second ses struction and by the second ses-
sion the vests sion the vests were beginning
to take shape. They put in extra hours and soon were attaching their linings. Modeling their finished products, they talked about plans for making their own patchwork for the next item
on their list. on their list
the many traditional Seminole arts classes that have been conducted at the center. The sewing
machines are used on a wide vamachines are used on a wide va-
riety of projects as all ages deriety of projects as all ages de-
velop skills to create patchwork, shirts, skirts, capes, purses, hats and jackets.

4-H Youth Show at South Florida Fair


Garrett Thomas, Brighton 4-H contestant, shows off his hog to the judges during the 4-H Youth Show held Jan. 24 at the South Florida Fair in West Palm Beach. "You get to spend time with them and it's a lot of responsibility, which you will have to take care of when you're older and it's just something to help you," Garrett said of his experience raising hogs.

Rep. Osceola Meet and Greet



Library assistant Melissa Silva (far left) assists Carlos Romero in his creation while watching fellow Library assistant Heather Library assistant Melissa Silva (far left) assists Carlos Romero in his creation while watching fellow Library assistant Heather styrofoam cups and craft skins.

## Big Cypress Library Hosts FirstEver Valentine's Day Party



Chicken Dance for Valentine's


DJ Daisy (right) from All About Entertainment in Pembroke Pines leads 1.4 year-olds from the Hollywood Seminole Pre DJ Daisy (right) from All About Entertainment in Pembroke Pines leads 1-4 year-olds from the Hollywood Seminole Pre-
school through the chicken dance during the children's Valentine's Day Party on Feb. 12 at the Seminole gymnasium in Hollywood. More than $\mathbf{5 0}$ children, parents and teachers attended the party, which included singing, dancing and hula hooping.

Immokalee Youth Valentine's Dance

K.J. Davis, Kenny Joe Davis, Jr., Priscilla Alvarado, Vanessa Billie, Jillian Rodriguez, Gherri Osceola and provide karaoke entertainment at the Immokalee Youth Valentine's Dance. The event took place Feb. 12 at the Immokalee Community Gym. Entertainment included a karaoke competition and musical chairs plus games of Red Light/Green Light and Hot Potato. Tables were laden with sweet treats, party bags, Valentine pinatas and gourmet candy apples.
Raffle tickets for iPods and accessories were drawn throughout the event.

Big Cypress Preschoolers Share Love With Parents at Valentine's Day Party
 poem entitled "Sunshine
tine" was attached to it. June Jumper, a cultural
instructor for the Ahfachkee School, was also a heart plant recipient. It came from to express their love to us by making presents," "It's great to see the preschool kids smiling all the 3-year-old daughter, Felicia. time, especially when they show us love"
"Our kids


Micah Stockton, 4, presents his father, Kassim Stockton (holding 1-year-old daughter Tommi Stockton), with a heart plant.

## Big Cypress and Trail Seniors Get Groovy in Valentine's Day Dance Party

 quence was over, it was time fo the Seminole Fire Rescue team to judge their performances.
Violet Jim and George Bil-
lie were crowned Valentine's Day floor after getting their royalty crowns. lie were crowned Valentine's Day Queen and King, and or our senior
they had the stage to themselves as Tracy B Brd's they had the stage to themselves as Tracy Byrd's coun- Following the was. try staple "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" played. the Fire Rescue workers and the Hot Meals crew, as they Whe queen and king, we always want to hon- danced to the "Cha Cha Slide."


The seniors, who had lunch after the dance, were treated to
one more surprise - a Hershey's kisses count contest, with the elwere in the jar. There were 466 kisses in the compartment. And with a
guess of 450 , Minnie Tigertail guess of 450, Minnie Tigertail
was the closest, giving her the was the closest, giving her the
day's special prize. day's special prize.
The event's door prizes, which included kitchenware and
stuffed Valentine's Day animals, stuffed Valentine s Day animals,
were sponsored by Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. and fellow se-

Seniors Valentine's Day Results Dance Contest: 1. Pilot Billie, 2. Mabel Jim, 3. Minnie Billie, 4. Louise Osceola, 5. Nancy Billie;
Bingo Competition: 1 Claudia Doctor, 2. Nancy Billie, 3. Lydia Cypress; Valentine's Day Queen King: 1. George Billie.


Hollywood Tribal Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. (L) and wife Marge put on a playful demonstration of bowling dur-

## ing Valentines Day activities held at the senior center

## Seniors celebrate Valentines Day with a host of activities

| BY CHRIS C. JENKINS <br> Staff Reporter <br> HOLLYWOOD - Tribal seniors gathered to celebrate the Valentine's Day holiday a little early at the Hollywood Senior Center. <br> In a fun-filled day full of laughs, some of the highlighted games included cash bingo, bowling and ladder-ball, as well as cash raffles and door prizes. <br> "It was another reason to get together and see them laughing," said Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., who was joined by wife Marge for the Feb. 11 gathering. "They (the seniors) should be spoiled and have fun based on what they have given us as a Tribe." <br> Each senior also received chocolates or plants. <br> Tribal senior Jimmy Hank Osceola said of all the activities he liked the bowling game the most. <br> "It was a good exercise and was the first time I had done it at the center," said Osceola, an avid bowler. <br> Results: Ladder Ball Toss: Women- 1. Laura Clay, 2. Elsie Willie, 3. Betty Osceola Men- 1. Jimmie H. Osceola, 2. Johnny Tucker, 3. Joe Paul Billie Bowling: Women: 1. Scarlett Jumper, 2. Cornelia Osceola, 3. Betty Osceola 3. Joe Paul Billie |  |
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Paul Buster playtully warms up before his turn at bowling.

Big Cypress Valentine's Day Dance

Big Cypress Community Center Director Arely Valdez dances with Tribal youngster Dacia Osceo-
la at the Valentine's Day Dance/Party on Feb. 5 . la at the Valentine's Day Dance/Party on Feb. 5.
Originally scheduled for Feb. 12, organizers at the Community Center decided to push their first-ever Valentine's Day Dance up by a week so the event could have center stage. About 100 Tribal and
community children partied away and danced to community children partied away and danced to
songs like the "Cha Cha Slide" and "Cupid Shufsongs The Community Center will likely be hosting
fle."
Friday night dances on a monthly basis going forward. "It's just a way for the community center to show affection for our kids," Valdez said. "We
just want to let them know we love them and we're just want to let
here for them."

Brighton Seniors Celebrate Valentine's Day with Lunch


About 50 Brighton Seniors, family members and friends got a front row seat as their personal lapan Rachers About 50 Brighton Seniors, family members and friends got a front row seat as their personal Japanese
cooked their meals at their tables as they celebrated Valentine's Day with a lunch at Benihana in Stuart


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Tribal Preschoolers Participate in Trike-A-Thon
BY ELIZABETH LEIBA
Colorful scooters, tricycles, bicycles and some motorized bikes lined up at preschools throughout Seminole Country to participate in dren's Research Hospital.
 kalee and Brighton reservations rode their bicycles the week of Jan. 25 to raise money for
the Memphis-based hospital that specializes in treating children with cancer and other lifethreatening diseases.
The Hollywood Reservation preschool
started the Trike-A-Thon six years ago, raising started the Trike-A-Thon six years ago, raising
more than $\$ 10,000$. Each year the amount continues to grow. The preschools currently raise more than $\$ 48,000$ collectively for the cause. "Everyone puts in whether it is small or
big," Brighton Preschool Parent Involvement big," Brighton Preschool Parent Involvement
Aide Angie Bert said. "It all helps the cause Aide Angie Bert said. "It all helps the cause
saving lives." saving lives.
The Trike-
teaching the children the importance of giving back to the community as well as bicycle safety. The Seminole Police Department's youth and
elder unit distributed helmets along with knee elder unit distributed helmets along with knee and elbow pads. The preschools also hosted
safety presentations in the week preceding the event.
"Instilling important safety habits at an early age is critical in helping to avoid biking accidents," Immokalee Preschool Site Manager
Michelle Ford said Michelle Ford said.
The preschools plan to continue holding the
ant each year with the goal of encouraging the Tribal youth to help other children in need.


## 5th Annual College Fair Another Success <br> BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - Promising college hopefuls and university recruiters looking for their next crop of freshmen converged in the Hard Rock ballrooms for the fifth annual Tribal College Career Fair
The event was geared toward high school juniors and seniors. Representatives from more than 80 colleges, universities, vocational and technical
schools in and outside of Florida were on hand to begin the recruiting and enrollment process.
Also represented for the first time Jan. 21 were Tribal middle school Also represented for the first time Jan. 21 were Tribal middle school
youth, as well as more than 10 Tribal departments and dozens of students youth, as well as more than 10
from all over Seminole country.
"We tried to get as many students as possible to be on hand," Tribal Edu-
cation Director Emma Johns said. "It is never te erly to cation Director Emma Johns said. "It is never too early to explore what your future is going to be. I wanted them to be inspired and after high school have a goal and walk away with knowing they have the Tribes resources available
to them. to them. "When I looked around and saw a full room, I felt blessed. It lets me know we are making a difference."
The blend of small and large higher education institutions included Duke University, the University of Alabama, Classic Cooking Academy of Arizona, United States Naval Academy, University of Miami, Florida State University, St. Thomas University, and Stanford University, among many others.
"It was a great event for the kids," said Big Cypress Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swan. "This struck at all levels and had a great mix of Principal Walter Swan. "This struck at all evels and had a great mix of
schools and created a lot of interest for us as a school."
Several youth in attendance were also the recipients of raffle prizes such Several youth in attendance were also the recipients of raffle prizes such
as laptop computers. The grand prize winner for an all expense paid trip to the Bahamas went to Tribal citizen Demi Garza.
Tribal citizen Marcus Robinson, a senior at Okeechobee High School, said he heard about the fair through the Brighton Education Department and has attended every year since its inception.
His career interests are art design and drawing or teaching and counseling. "Is college choices include FSU and Full Sail University in Orlando. "I just wanted to see what caught my interest and see what I want to do.
18. Special guest speakers Running Horse Livingston and Tribal citizen JimSpecial guest speakers Running Horse Livingston and Tribal citizen Jim-
mie Osceola also spoke to youth and teachers about the importance of education and accomplishing your dreams. "I am fulfilling a childhood dream to be something and do what I want to do after I finish school," Osceola said to the audience. "You have to be the one who fulfills your dreams and reaches out to grab them. Dream big and
good luck. It is all up to you." good luck. It is all up to you,'
on and Wales Univers student and restaurant owner currently attends John-
"The fact that you all came here to this career fair is a huge step that can go a long ways in your future," said Livingston, who is known as a motivational speaker and specializes in Culturally Responsive Math and Science
Education teaching for Natives. "Do not be afraid to make small choices Education teaching for Natives. "Do not be afraid to make small choices
because sometimes they will turn into big ones."
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Tribal employees Mike Haas, left, and Mario Silva of the Information Technology department tell Tribal citizen Marcus Robinson about schools and career opportunities in their field.

## Cayuga Community College Student Group Visits Seminole Schools

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff }}$

BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress, Hollywood and Brighton reservations helped eight
Cayuga Community College students realize what Cayuga Community College students realize what
they learned in their textbooks when the group visthey the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
ited ited the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
The trip lasted from Jan. 9-1
of the students' Introduction to Native American Culture and Education course, which began two years ago at the New York-based community col-
lege. The Tribe's Education Department and the lege. The Tribe's Education Department and the
Ahfachkee School worked with the college to arAhfachkee Sch
range the visit.
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"For me, service learning is a big part of edu cation," Cayuga professor Dr. Pat Gridley said. "We're doing travel studies, but this course allows us to give back to the Tribe and learn something from them.
Before fle
Before flying to South Florida, the Cayuga students were required to wr
Seminole Tribe and its history.
"It's a very popular concept to expose college students to service learning," Cayuga professor Teresa Hoercher said. "With that, they get a chance
to embrace an opportunity to learn something new to embrace an opportunity to learn something new
through their work and volunteer experience., through their work and volunteer experience.
The group spent most of its time at Big Cy press, beginning with a tour of Billie Swamp Safari and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on Jan. 10. A three-day visit to the Ahfachkee School followed, and the Cayuga group assisted Ahfachkee students
with their class work. "It was good to and help us with our problems," Ahfachkee student Derek McInturff said. "I got to learn math a little better from them visiting here

contributed to this story.

## TRIKE-A-THON



Immokalee Preschool students prepare to cross the starting line at the Trike-A-Thon in the Gym.


Truley Osceola makes her way through the bumper-to-bumper traffic.


Draven Osceola focuses before the start of the Hollywood preschool Trike-A-Thon on Jan. 28.


Brighton preschooler Creek Gopher is all smiles as he finishes his third lap during the Trike-A-Thon


Thelma Tigertail has a hard time reaching the pedals at the BC
Preschool's Trike Preschool's Trike-A-Thon held on Jan.


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Ahfachkee School English teacher Jordan Rosenberg works with Tash-sha-sho Jumper on his situps, as Vicki Pratt, instructional aide for science and fellow students Richard Billie Jr. (yellow shirt) and Kylen Jumper (red shirt) take note.

## Ahfachkee School Holds Family Sports Event



Jaron Johns entertains Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. with his fun experiment "Will Rice Krispies Jump?"


## Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Honors Second-Nine-Weeks Award Recipients

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Kindergarten } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Justin Gopher, Best Writing Skills - Shaela French, } \\ \text { Effort: Madison Fish, Alanis Baker, Jason Webber, } \\ \text { Effort - Morgan Yates, Best Creek Speaker - Daven }\end{array}\end{array}$ Effort: Madison Fish, Alanis Baker, Jason Webber, Mariah Garner, Warrik Billie, Kayven Emley, Tadan
Santiago, Mason Beaver, Tammy Martinez, Tehya Santiago, Mason Beaver, Tammy Martinez, Tehya
Howard, Lashae King. Citizenship:Caitlyn Olivarez, Jahcole Arnold,
Hawk Micco, Caleb Burton, Reese Davis, Hannah Moss, Elle Thomas, Zion Romine, Alice Osceola, Diego Meras, Dathen Garcia.
Improvement: Corey Jumper, Kalyn Hammil, Joss Youngblood, Pherian Baker, Tatiana Torres, Karlyne Urbina, Jaytron Baker, Jaime Smith, Kyra Toneges,
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Brilliant Bears: Jason Webber, Reese Davis.
Fantastic Frogs:
Fantastic Frogs: Reese Davis
Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most Improved - Kayven Emley, Best Writing Skills
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- Kyra Toneges.

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Effort: Jayton Baker, Davin Carrillo, Todd Pierce, Kobe Jimmie, Hunter Howard, Morgan Yates, Jagger Gaucin, Tanner Shore, Hyatt Pearce, Haylie Huff, Billy Bailey, Ramone Baker.
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Gonzalez. Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Laila Bennett, Billy Bailey, Jaylen Baker.

Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Jahbahn Arnold, Davin Carrillo, Daven Buck, Shaela French, Jagger Heith Lawrence, Kaiden Sampson.
Gold Award ( (4.0 GPA): Destiny Elliott, Caylie
Huff, John Beck, Aubee Billie, Haylie Huff, Ruby Huff, John Beck, Aubee Billie, Haylie Huff, Ruby Osceola, Tanner Shore.
Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most
Improved - Hyatt Pearce, Best Writing Skills - Aubee Improved - Hyatt Pearce, Best Writing Skills - Aubee
Billie, Effort - John Beck, Best Creek Speaker - Heith Billie, Effort - John Beck, Best Creek Speaker - Heith
Lawarence; Jenny Shore's Class: Most Improved -


Third grade students at Pemayetv Emahaky Charter School show their dedication to literacy by earning the Accelerated Reading award.


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Morgan Yates, Justin Gopher, Shaela French and Daven Buck receive academic achievement awards for Jennie Shore's second grade Creek Class.


Raeley Matthews receives her award from Ms. Williams for earning all As for the second consecutive nine-week period.

Lance Howard, Krysta Burton, Alyke Baker, Ridge Bailey, Keely Billie, Andrew Fis

Puente, Satie Rico, Gage Riddle. | ente, Satie Rico, Gage Riddle. |
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| Bronze Award |

Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA GPA): Keely Billie,
Andrew Fish, Alicia Fudge, Tyler Howard Alyc Ber Andrew Fish, Alicia Fudge, Tyler Howard, Alyke B
Krysta Burton, Joshlynn Micco, Cady Osceola. Krysta Burton, Joshlynn Micco, Cady Osceola.
Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Kano Puente, Rico, Gage Riddle, Aidan Tommie, Aleina Micco.

> Gold Award ( 4.0 GPA ): Raeley Matthews. Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class:

Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most Improved - Andrew Fish, Best Writing Skills - Gage
Riddle, Effort - Keely Billie, Best Creek Speaker Alicia Fudge; Jenny Shore's Class: Most Improved - Joshlynn Micco, Best Writing Skills - Alyke Baker Effort -
Burton.
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Arts and Crafts Class: Nancy Shore's Class: Most
Improved - Aidan Micco, Effort - Lucas Osceola, Best Creek Speaker Alicia Fudge.
Alicia Fudge.
History Class: Most Improved - Billy Yates \&
Oscar Yates, Effort - Cady Osceola \& Keely Billie, Oscar Yates, Effort - Cady Osceola \& Keely Billie
Achievement - Aleina Micco \& Lucas Osceola.

## Fourth Grade

Effort: Joseph Osceola, Bly Davidson, Michael Girtman, Jaylynn Jones, Rudy Juarez, Camryn Thomas, Cheyenne Fish, Cyrus Smedley, Marquis Fudge.
Cheyenne Fish, Cyrus Smedley, Marquis Fudge.
Citizenship: Ivess Baker, Rylee Smith, Richar Harris, Krystal Toneges, Elijah Billie, Morgan King, Logan Ortiz, Chloe Chalfant, Easton Moss, Dyami Nelson, Chandler Pearce, Brady Rhodes, Layne Thomas, Aiyana Tommie, Brian Bishop, Isaac Osceola. Accelerated Reader: Brian Bishop, Chloe Chalfant,
Cheyenne Fish, Marquis Fudge, Dalton Girtman, Cheyenne Fish, Marquis Fudge, Dalton Girtman,
Easton Moss, Dyami Nelson, Isaac Osceola, Chandler Easton Moss, Dyami Nelson, Isaac Osceola, Chandler
Pearce, Brady Pearce, Brady Rhodes, Cyrus Smedley, Pearce, Brady Pearce, Brady Rhodes, Cyrus Smedley,
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Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Rudy Juarez, Joseph Osceola, Krystal Toneges, Brady Rhodes, Layne Thomas.

Gold Award (4.0 GPA): Chandler Pearce, Aiyana
$\underset{\text { Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most }}{\substack{\text { Tommie }}}$ Improved - Ivess Baker, Best Writing Skills - Joseph
Osceola, Effort - Richard Harris, Best Creek Speaker Osceola, Effort - Richard Harris, Best Creek Speaker

- Jalynn Jones; Jenny Shore's Class: Most Improved -- Jalynn Jones; Jenny Shore's Class: Most Improved -
Chandler Pearce, Best Writing Skills - Layne Thomas, Effort - Cheyenne Fish, Best Creek Speaker - Aiyana Tommie.

Arts and Crafts Class: Nancy Shore's Class: Most Improved - Brady Rhodes, Craftsmanship - Layne
Thomas, Effort - Rylee Smith, Best Creek Speaker Thomas, Effort - Rylee Smith, Best Creek Speaker -
Rudy Juarez.
History Class. Most Improved - Rylee Smith \& Brady Rhodes, Effort - Pernell Bert \& Brian Bishop, Achievement - Camryn Thomas Isaac Osceola.

Fifth Grade
Effort:Andrew Dobbs, Raylon Eagle, Sean Osceola, Jaden Puente, Dylan Sheffield, Trevor Thomas, Bailey Citit
Citizenship: Jermaine Bennett, Erik Garcia, Diamond Shore, Shae Pierce.
Accelerated Reader: Andrew Dobbs, Raylon Eagle, Accelerated Reader: Andrew Dobbs, Raylon Eagle,
Alexus James, Sean Osceola, Diamond Shore, Bailey Tedders, Trevor Thomas, Zachary Gopher.
Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Deliah Carrillo, oshua Madrigal, Crysten Smith, Bethany Billie, Ruben Burgess, Robert Fudge, Zachary Gopher, Odessa King, Diamond Shore, Shae Pierce.

Fifth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Erik Fifth Grade Gold Award (4.0 GPA): Andrew Dobbs, den Puente Bailey Tedders, Sean Osceola, Trevor Jaden Pu
Thomas.
Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most Improved Kfort - Treverley, Best Writing Skills - Odessa King, Shore; Jenny Shore's Class. Most Improved - Samual Osceola, Best Writing Skills - Martina Herrera, Effort Lanie Sedatol, Best Creek Speaker - Jermaine Bennett. Arts and Crafts Class: Nancy Shore's Class: Most
mproved - Deliah Carrillo, Craftsmanship - Diamond Shorove, Effort - Deliah Carrillo, Craftsmanship - Dagiamond Shore, Effort
Erik Garcia.
History Class: Most Improved - Demetrius Clark \& Deliah Carrillo, Effort - Dylan Sheffield \& Joshua Madrigal, Achievement - Trevor Thomas \& Bailey Tedders.

## Sixth Grade

Effort: Chastity Harmon, Jayce Smith, Lahna Hudson, Kailin Brown, Melany Williams, Zeke Hudson, Kalin Brown, Melany Williams, Zeke
Matthews, Jaron Johns, Boyd Brown.
Citizenship: Kalgary Johns, Rumor Juarez, Keyana Nelson, CW Ortiz, Michael Garcia, Zachary Hudson, Lindsey Sampson

Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Rayven Smith, Keyana Nelson, Melany Williams, Lindsey Sampson, Jaron Johns, Michael Garcia, Tamea Allen.
Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Thomas Bearden,
Rumor Juarez, Boyd Brown, Zeke Matthews Gold Award (4.0 GPA): Donovan Osceola, Zachary Hudson, Kailin Brown.
Creek Class: Lorene Gopher's Class: Most Improved - Keyana Nelson, Best Writing Skills Thomas Bearden, Effort - Jayce Smith, Best Creek Most Improved - Dezmon Shore, Best Writing Skills Melany Williams, Effort - Michael Garcia, Best Creek eaker - Kailin Brown.
Arts and Crafts Class: Nancy Shore's Class: Most mproved - Jaron Johns, Craftsmanship - Jayce Smith, Baker.
History Class: Most Improved - Michael Garcia \& ayven Smith, Effort - Lindsey Sampson \& Thomas Bearden, Achievement - Kailin Brown \& Kalgary Bearden,
Johns.

## Students of the Week Honored

Awards for Dec. 7-18
Kindergarten Mrs. Duncan - Jaytron Baker Mrs. Pearce - Alanis Baker Mrs. Webber - Tadan Santiago

## First Grade

Mrs. Davis - Tafv Harri Mrs. Johns - Daven Buck Mrs. Ringstaff-Laila Bennet

## Second Grade

Mrs. Ball - Brienna Brockma Mrs. Clements - Savannah Fis
Mrs. Moss - Tavis Jumper

Third Grade Mrs. Pryor - Lucas Osceola Mrs. Williams - Aleina Micco

Fourth Grade Mrs. Paige - Cheyenne Fish Mrs. Tedders - Jalynn Jones

Fifth Grade Mrs. Dobbs - Odessa King Mrs. Finney - Josh Madriga

Sixth Grade<br>Mrs. Hudson - Boyd Brown Mrs. Wells - Donovan Osceola<br>Mrs. Bond - Jarrett Ber



Awards for Jan. 19-29

Kindergarten
Mrs. Duncan - Lashae King Mrs. Pearce - Jahcole Arnold Mrs. Webber - Pherian Baker

## First Grade

Mrs. Davis - Heith Lawrence Mrs. Johns - Hunter Howard Mrs. Ringstaff - Mariah Billie

## Second Grade

Mrs. Ball - Donovan Harris Mrs. Clements - Kaite Beck Mrs. Moss - Nyah Davidson

Third Grade Mrs. Pryor - Gage Riddle Mrs. Williams - Raeley Matthews

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Paige - Cyrius Smedley Mrs. Tedders - Ivess Baker

## Fifth Grade

Mrs. Dobbs - Raylon Eagle Mrs. Finney - Lanie Sedatol

Sixth Grade Mrs. Hudson - Zeke Matthews Mrs. Wells - Chastity Harmon ESE
Mrs. Bond - Sheldon Garcia
Pemayetv Emahakv Students Tour Red Barn


Historian Willie Johns guides Pemayetv Emahaky Charter School students on a tour of the historic Red Barn in Brighton on Feb. 4. The 70 -year-old Red Barn, one of the oldest Tribal buildings left standing is believed to have been built under vital role during the early years of the Tribe's cattle industry but was also a place where Tribal meetings and family and community evens were held. The Red Barn became the first Seminole building to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places in December 2008.

Ahfachkee School Students Honored at End-of-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony

BIG CYPRESS - The Ahfachkee School recently academic year.
With the first semester now in Wi lt The awards ceremony was held on Jan. 22 at the Ahfachkee School Period

Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Councilman's Honor Roll (3.0-3.49 grade poin average [GPA]): 1. Cyiah Avila, 2. Athena Bert, 3. Car Billie, 7, Talia Billie Billie, 5. Jalycia Billie, 6. Son C press, 10 . Harmony Cypress, 11. Ja'vian Cypress, 12 Jaylee Cypress, 13. Lauren Doctor, 14. Kylen Jumper, Reynosa, 18. Grace Robbins, 19. Andrea Ryland, 20 Alena Stockton, 21. Kassim Stockton, 22. Jaylee Wilcox; President's Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): 1. Spencer
Aguilar, 2 Carlos Bermudez , 3. Hermione Calderon, 4

## Katrina Colombo, 5. Elijah Cook, 6. Leilani Gopher, 7. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, 8. Kamari Ivey, 9. Canaan

 Jumper, 10. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 11. Bramdi Osceola,12. Leo Osceola-Onco, 13. Camden Rhymes, 14. Edie Robbins, 15. Liberty Robbins, 16. Willie Smith, 17. Amaya Solano; Chairman's Honor Roll ( $4.0+\mathrm{GPA}$ ): 1. Elisa Brown.

Third through Fifth Grade
Councilman's Honor Roll (3.0-3.49 GPA): 1. Kevin Ivey, 2. Dayra Koenes, 3. Sierra Kirkland, 4. Clayton
Milicevic; President's Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Jonah Alvarado, 2. Katesa Kirkland, 3. Alyssa Osceoa, 4. Ryanne Pratt, 5. Evanne Pratte, 6. Annabelle Whiteshield, 7. Chynna Villareal

Sixth through $12^{\text {th }}$ Grade
Councilman's Honor Roll (3.0-3.49 GPA): 1 . RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Chelsey Alvarado, 3. John Ross Billie, 4. Sabre Billie, 5. Ryan Cypress, 6. Dalton Koenes, 7. John D. McInturff, 8. Tia Osborne, 9.
Kaitlin Osceola, 10. Rebecca Osceola, 11 Rowdey Osceola, 12. Taylor Pratt; President's Honor Roll (3.53.99 GPA): 1. Terri Baker, 2. Marco Flores, 3. Chloe Hendrickson-Porter, 4. Tequesta Tiger.


Deagen Osceola, left, gets a special reading lesson from Brady Rhodes:
Tribe Promotes Reading with Literacy Week

## by rachel buxton <br> Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON - Tribal members joined guest read
from Okeechobee and Glades counties to read to stu ers from Okeechobee and Glades counties to read to stu-
dents during a week of literature-related activities aimed dents during a week of literature-related activities aimed
at promoting literacy among youth. at promoting literacy among youth.
Literacy Week kicked off Jat
ahaky Charter School with 20 special 29 at Pemayet Emahakv Charter School with 20 special guests from
several Tribal departments, residents of Okeechobee County and members from the Glades County School Board. The visitors read to students from kindergarten through sixth grade. Some guest readers brought their
own books to read while others took recommendation own books to read while others took recommendation
from their captive audiences. has been making it enjoyable," Principal Russell Brow said. "Being very animated with their reading and getting the children involved with that, so it's been a fun experience for them and I think it emphasizes the impor
tance of reading to them tance of reading to them.

On Feb. 1, Pemayetv Emahakv's student council representatives read to their Tribal elders at the Senior the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" and "Where Are

Pemayetv Emahavk's 18 Safety Patrol members also visited the 4-and 5-year-olds at the Brighton Pre
school. The little ones listened to the charter school students entertain with colorful books and stories.
The Tribe's effort to promote literacy didn't stop
in Brighton. The Willie Frank Library staff on the in Brighton. The Willie Frank Library staff on the Big Cypress Reservation hosted a China Week literary
reading series during the week of Feb. 1. Tribal young. reading series
sters read Chinese books such as "The Joy Luck Club," "Kung Fu Patrick," "Yurtfolk" and "Sagwa: The Chinese Siamese Cat.

The reading initiative came as part of the library's
Big Read Program, a grant partnership made between Big Read Program, a grant partnership made between
the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Hendry County Library Cooperative, according to Barbara Oeffner, the library director. Hendry County received $\$ 7,500$ for he six-week grant, which covered the purchase of 500 ooks of "The Joy Luck Club" and a series of book disussions hosted by Oeffner and library curator Gretchen "Th
her cultures," Oeffner said. "Our goal here was to emphasize reading for our kids. They read the books that we gave them and were receptive to it. ...We want to ster reading for pleasure and knowledge
The older generations of Tribal members have been leage advocates of education and the importance of
lo read. In previous years, many seniors were never taught to read and write, and endured many hardships because of the hindrance. Many were afraid to ign legal documents because of not knowing what was stated in them.
"If Shule Jones' great-grandchildren go read to
she can't read a book back to them," said Michele Thomas, a Tribal citizen and Pemayetv Emahakv administrative assistant. "But our elders push so much for their children and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to go and get educated. I just think it's a moMatthew Tiger, a T
the school, was at the Senider who works part time enjoy the readings from the young students.
"It's really a blessing to see the kids have the abilay to stand before people and to read and show people ctually what's going on in their education," Tiger said. "at carries on to the next generation."

Staff reporter Naji Tobias contributed to this report.


Guest reader April Van Camp captures the attention of Nyah Davidson through storytellin


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Asthma and Environmental Triggers in Children

## BY KIRK TRENCHFIELD

Hoor Air Qulity Specialist, Seminol Health Dept
What is asthma? Asthma is a serious, sometime life-threatening respiratory disease that affects the qualif of life for millions of Americans. There is no cur anial triggers that cause asthma attacks.

Some of the most common indoor asthma trigger roaches, other pests, household pets and combustio byproducts.

Secondhand Smoke
We are exposed to second-hand smoke when individuals smoke cigarettes, pipes or cigars. The smoke breathed by non-smokers in the immediate vicinity of

Dust Mites
Dust mites are too small to be seen, but can be materials, carpets, upholstered furniture, stuffed toys and linen.

## Mold

Mold grows indoors when mold spores come in source for growth. In the home, mold is most commonly

## Seminole Fire-Rescue Gives Firearm Injury Prevention Safety Tips

FYire Marshal
Each year in the United States, an average of 30,000
people die as a result of firearm injuries. Approximately
trree times that number of people suffer non-fatal inju-
ries. Although many of these incidents are intentional,
a large number of them are accidental and could have
been easily prevented. Children and teenagers account
for a high percentage of this group, and this most com-
monly occurs when they have access to a firearm that
has not been stored safely within the home.
STORAGE
Only parents should know the locations of the gun
and ammunition storage
Keep the gun unloaded and locked in a safe or a
lock box
Keep the ammunition locked in a safe or a lock box
that is in a separate location from the gun
Do not leave the key in the lock box or the combi-
nation code set on the safe
Place these items in unsuspecting locations that are
difficult for someone else to find
Trigger locks are highly recommended as an extra
precaution for safeguarding guns

Teach children that all guns should be treated a hough they are real and they should never be touched BB guns, pellet guns and air rifles can cause seriou juries or death hould leave and immediately tell an adult
Do not allow a child to play with a toy gun that ooks realistic because it is difficult to distinguish Contact 911 immediately, if a person is injured by

DEFENSIVE TACTICS
Avoid confrontation with other people and con-
act 911 if you feel that your life is threatened Does your child 's friend have a gun in his/her home? Encourage his/her parents, as well as your famsafety rules

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## THE HEALTHY SENIOR by fred cigetil

Q: I'm 68 and my teeth are yellow. I'm thinking of
 A: Whitening processes are effective. Based on
clinical studies, 96 percent of patients with common stains experience some lightening effect.
But be forewarne But be forewarned that whitening has to be repeated
periodically if you want to maintain sparking smile. periodically if you want to maintain a sparkling smile.
Whiteness can start to fade in a month. The least expensive option is a bleaching systen
you buy over the counter and use at home yourself These systems cost from $\$ 10$ to about $\$ 150$. A home bleaching system that your dentist supervises runs from
$\$ 300$ to $\$ 600$. Getting you teeth done in a dentist's office

## usually costs between <br> $\$ 600$ and $\$ 1,200$.

In addition to thes
options, you can
options, you can get
your teeth whitened wit
bonded resins and porce
lain veneers. Bonding
composite resin onto th
teeth can change its color
This procedure usually
can be done in one of fice visit for $\$ 300-\$ 70$
per tooth. Porcelain v per tooth. Porcelain
neers can be bonded onto stained teeth to whiten stained teeth to whiten
them. Veneers require at
least two office visits and least two office visits and
cost $\$ 700$ to $\$ 1,200$ per
tooth.
There are also "whit
There are also "whi toothpastes don't change the shade of your teeth, but help prevent stain from sticking to your teeth. Whitening tooth
pastes can be used to hel preserve the results of
whitening procedure. The most common
reasons for yellow teeth

## ${ }^{\text {are: }}$ Aging. As we age

Aging. As we age,
we accumulate surface stains. Also, the insides of our as it gradually becomes thinner over time

Tobacco that is smoked or chewed.
Beverages such as coffee, tea, red wine and dark-
Foods such as blueberries, tomato sauce, curry and
You can also have stains within a tooth. These can be caused by too much fluoride or certain antibiotic during tooth developmen
treat than surface stains

How should you proceed? I recommend seeing your

## Responding to Grief and Loss

often areas of elevated

Cockroaches and other Pests
Bosts, pars, secretions, urine, droppings and saliva od and water are present and can trigger asthma.
$\stackrel{\text { Pets }}{ }$
Skin flakes, urine and saliva from household pets

Nitrogen Dioxide
Nitrogen dioxide is
as that can be a byproduct of indoor fuel-burning od ances such as gas stoves, gas or oil furnaces, fireplaces ood stoves and unvented kerosene or gas space heat-

As parents, it is our responsibility to eliminate the asthma triggers in the home. This will significantly lessn the chance or severity of asthma attacks in our children. The Seminole Health Department recommends provide a healthy living environment for their children.
[Editor's Note: Kirk Trenchfield is the Indoor Air Quality Specialist for the Seminole Health Department.
The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like

BY ERIC BRICKER

"While grief is fresh, every attempt to divert only irritates.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)
While the loss of a loved one is a natural part of life it is also a life changing event that leaves many of us los in the empty space that was once occupied by the person
we have lost.

In 1969, the first edition of Dr. Karen Kubler-Ross's k, "On Death and Dying" was released. Based on her extensive research loss, Kubler-Ross ident loss, Kubler-Ross identi-
fied five stages of grief that are common to those who have lost someone
close to them. Those phases include denial, anger, bargaining, de-
pression and acceptance What further complicate these phases is that they don't necessarily occu in order, and there is no when one phase is icate

The Grief Recovery in mut ber of publications on the subject of grief designed to ducate the public on how to help individuals who are attempting to cope with losses. In the publication "Help stitute offers the following advice to adults who are at empting to be supportive to grieving children: Listen with your heart and not your head: Alow the grieving person to express all their
Recognize that grief is emotional and not intelectual: Don't ask grieving people, especially child what is wrong. They will usually just say "Noth-
ing. When dealing with children, adults go first: Opening up about your hild feel safe in opening up about their emotions Remember that
each of your children is unique and each has a unique relationship to the loss
Be patient: Don't
and when it is time for a xample, a person who Tong time before they son who is stuck in anger may take a long time be-
fore they experience de-

## What further com

plicates grief and loss is the way in which the
person chooses person chooses to cope
with the loss. It is often wifth the loss. It is often
difficult for the grieving individual to cope with
or express their feelings. The individual may re $\begin{array}{lr}\text { or express their feelings. } & \text { Fort Pierce: 772-461- } \\ \begin{array}{ll}\text { The individual may re- } & 7363 ; \text { Hollywood: 954- } \\ \text { spond by withdrawing from or lashing out at friend and }\end{array} \\ \end{array}$ family, who are only attempting to be supportive. One 3100 of the worst things a grieving person can do is abuse
alcohol or drugs to medicate their pain. This will only lengthen the grieving process by numbing the grievin person's ability to feel. Substance abuse will prevent the grieving person for being ill bove force your child to talk.
Never say "Don't Never say "Don't
feel sad" or "Don't feel scared." Sadness and fear, the two most common feelings attached to sential to being human. Individual counselng for grief related issues is offered through
the Family Services Department. For more information, please contact your local Family ServicCypress: $863-902-3206$;
Brighton: $863-763-7700$; $964-633$
3100.
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chemicals on your teeth without professional advice. Then choose the technique that is appropriate for you. ere are more details about your choices:
At Home: There are several types of products availble for use at home, which can either be dispensed by OTC products include clear, peroxide-based gels you apply with a small brush. And there are almost inisible strips coated with a peroxide-based whitening gel that you place on your teeth.
The most popular option is doing the whitening at molded to your dentist's supervision. You get trays molded to your teeth. These hold a peroxide whitening
agent. The trays are usually made in one office visit Thad in one office visit.
Then you wear the trays at home. Some products
are used for about twice a day for two weeks, and
others are intended for others are intended for
overnight use for one to two weeks. Products used at
home usually are not as strong as those used in a In The Dentist's Of-
dentist
In fice: In-office whitening can take between 30 and
90 minutes and can require up to three appointments.
With
in-office bleaching, the whitening
product is applied diproduct is applied di-
rectly to the teeth. These rectly to the teeth. These combination with heat, a special light, or a laser to
accelerate the whitening. accelerate the whitening. Any cavities must be
treated first, because the reated first, because the
whitener can penetrate decay and cause sensitiv-
ity. Whitening will not work on exposed tooth roots, because roots do
not have an enamel layer.
Receding gums - an age-related problem - can cause
roots to become exposed. Whitening also does not work on crowns or veneers.

Regular whitening may not improve the appearance of a tooth that has had root-canal treatment. A dentist
can employ a special treatment to whiten the tooth from can employ a special treatment to whiten the tooth from
the inside.
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## Sports

## Council Triumphs over Board in Rodeo

Freelance Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The Tribal Council bested the Board of Directors with a $40-31$ victory at the $10^{\text {th }}$ annual Board vs. of Directors with a
Council Rodeo held at the Junior Cypress Arena.
The brainchild of Mondo Tiger, Don Robertson and MoJumper, Jr., the event was originally organized as a way to promote rodeo and interaction with the community. The men used of participants from the local population and not just number of participants from the local population and
professionals.
Joining the contestants during the Jan. 30 rodeo was a Joining the contestants during the Jan. 30 rodeo was a
surprise entry by National Football League player Logan surprise entry by National Football League player Logan
Mankins of the New England Patriots. Ranked among the best at his left guard position, Mankins came to South Florida to play in the NFL Pro Bowl on Jan. 31 .
Making a slight detour to Big
vaking a slight detour to Big Cypress, Mankins borat home on the saddle and on the football field. With a rope in his hand, there is no doubt that he knows how to get the job done. "My parents own a cattle ranch in California and I was riding and roping before I ever played ball," Mankins said.
"Football is both my career and my passion, but rodeo is my second love. I want to thank the Seminole Tribe for giving me an opportunity to play here this evening."
President Richard Bowers, Jr. made
President Richard Bowers, Jr. made opening remarks on
behalf of the Board and encouraged everyone to give thanks behalf of the Board and encouraged everyone to give thanks
for their blessings for their blessings.
"I have just returned from a visit to our fellow Native their third hard winter in a row and have suffered the loss of jobs and livestock, as well as, discomfort and illness resulting from the lack of basic necessities. Remember them in your
prayers and if you can offer any assistance, please contact my prayers and if you can offer any assistance, please contact my
office." Junior Rodeo contestants showed off their newly acquired
skills from beginning of the season, some newcomers have joined the ranks of the Junior Rodeo and quite a few former contestants
have moved up in age group. Elevating from sheep to calves, have moved up in age group. Elevating from sheep to calves,
steers and junior bulls is a slow process as the youngsters hone steers and junior bulls is a slow process as the youngsters hone
their skills and use their physical growth to their advantage. Several Junior Barrel racers turned in some outstanding scores in their age categories. Among them were the Miss Ju-
nior EIRA Rodeo Queen Ahnie Jumper and Ashley Parks, who nior EIRA Rodeo Queen Ahnie Jumper and Ashley Parks, who
stunned everyone with times comparable to the adult competistunned everyone with times comparable to the adult competi-
tion. unexpected riders joined the women in the adult barrels. Team
ropers bronc riders and steer wrestlers threw their hats in the ropers, bronc riders and steer wrestlers threw their hats in the
ring, but their roping horses were no match for the professionring, but their roping horses were no match for the profession-
al barrel mounts. Ayze Henry, Leanna Billie and Trina Bowers easily beat them all.
Breakaway Roping, Team Penning, Ribbon Roping, Team
Roping and Branding and the Trailer Race are events that have Roping and Branding and the Trailer Race are events that have
grown out of the skills exercised by the day-working cowboys and cowgirls who are the backbone of the cattle industry.
Teams for these events include one or more horses and from one to thr
the fastest time.


Justin Gopher prepares his loop for the next event, while the final bull exits the chutes, at the $10^{\text {th }}$ annual Board vs. Council Rodeo held at the Junior Cypress Arena.

## RESULTS:

Mutton Bustin': 1. David Deschene, 2. Lazlo Billie, 3. Jrayton Billie.
Calf Riding: 1. Rylee Smith, 2. Drayton Billie, 3. Myron Billie. teer Riding: 1. Rayven Smith, 2. Kenny Deschene. Junior Bulls: 1. Nathan Smith, 2. Andre Jumper, 3. Justin Jr. Barrels (12 and Under): 1. Ahnie Jumper, 2. Mila Osceola, 3. Budha Jumper.
Jr. Barrels (11 to 16 years): 1. Ashley Parks, 2. Breanna Osceola, Adult Barrels.
Calf Scramb: 1. Ayze Henry, 2. Leanna Billie, 3. Trina Bowers. Billie.
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.Ayze Henry and Wilse BruisedHead
Ribbon Roping: 1. Weston Goodrich and Morgan Goodrich, 2. Josh Jumper and Ahnie Jumper,
3. Justin Gopher and Carrera Gopher
eam Roping and Branding: 1. Josh Jumper, Naha Jumper and Sherry Holmes, 2. Justin Gopher, Happy Jumper and Carrera Trailer Race: 1. Josh Jumper, Joe Herrear and Ahnie Jumper 2. Naha Jumper, Quinn Campbell and Kelton Smedley, 3. Ayze Henry, Wilse BruisedHead and Andrew Holmes.


Mark Holmes holds his arm free as he practices riding techniques on a calf during a bull riding clinic for Tribal youth organized at the Junior Cypress Arena by the Eastern Indian

## EIRA Presents Bull Riding Clinic for Youth

## BY JUDY WEEKS

BIG CYPRESS - The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association recently
hosted a bull riding clinic at the Juhosted a bull riding climic at the Julearn about safety, form and technique while riding rough stock.
The Jan. 30 clinic was a first-time bull riding experience for some of the
children but the majority were junior children but the majority were junior
rodeo contestants who wanted to learn more about the sport or had moved up in category.
During his opening presentation, Moses "Bigg" Jumper Jr. spoke about
the first Tribal rodeos and what it was the first Tribal rodeos and what it was like to practice in the old cow pens.
"We have fancier arenas, protective vests and helmets, but the basic
principles haven't changed," Jumper principles haven't changed," Jumper said. "Conquering your fear and riding form are the main ingredients, but
safety is the primary issue. We all want safety is the primary issue. We all want
to have a good time and walk away in
one piece."
EIRA Bull Riding Champion Jusin Gopher served as clinician for the event. Starting his career as a mutton
buster, he worked his way up through buster, he worked his way up through
calves, steers, junior bulls and finally challenged some of the rankest rough stock in the country. In addition to the EIRA, he has competed in the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association
(PRCA), Southeast Bull Riders Asso (PRCA), Southeast Bull Riders Asso-
ciation and the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR)
"Rodeo is the same as life," Go-
er said. "You can do what you want when you put your mind and body into it, but always remember that safety is most important part of the game." Beginning by riding on barrels, the group learned about proper equip-
ment, technique and rodeo form, as well as judging and scoring. But safety well as judging and scoring. But safety
was the main focus of the entire sesSion. The 6 -and-under group received their first taste of the arena when they rode out of the chute gripping a hand-
ful of sheep's wool. The 7 - to 10 -yearolds rode the calves, while the 11- to 13 -year-olds climbed aboard flanked It isn't all hard work form. It isn't all hard work and no play,
Ernesto Franco and Ernie Couras Ernesto Franco and Ernie Courout of the chutes mounted backwards on their junior bulls. The youngsters hooted and hollered, but were remind-
ed to exercise caution and safety at all ed to exercise caution and safety at all
times and leave the antics to the professionals.
Hendry County Commissioner
arson Turner was impressed with the Karson Turner was impressed with the
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many youngsters turn out to particimany youngsters turn out to partici-
pate in a sport that builds character, pate in a sport that builds character,
responsibility, integrity and sportsmanship," Turner said. "These are all
mpor qualities that they will carry through-
out their lives and can use to shape out their liv,
their futures.


Happy Jumper steadies his 4,
prepares for Mutton Bustin'.

## 4-H Gains Support at Skeet Shooting Fundraiser



## BY RACHEL BUXTON <br> Staff Reporter

, BRIGHTON - The Seminole Tribe of Florida's 4-H chapter held a skeet shooting fundraiser on South Tucker Ridge Road to help raise money for 17 Tribal youths who later competed in the annual South Florida Fair livestock show and sale. Roughly 40 people came out on Jan. 17 to show
off their target shooting skills or simply support the off their target shooting skills or simply support the
local 4-H chapter. The money raised during the event helped pay for the youths' travel, registration and other expenses for the South Florida Fair hog and steer competition on Jan. 21-23.
The skeet shooting event consisted of 15 rounds
with 10 people per round. Shooters paid $\$ 5$ per round with 10 people per round. Shooters paid $\$ 5$ per round
and took three shots each round at a flying clay disc and took three shots each round at a flying clay disc
before it landed in the water. The rounds were broken down by age and gender. Shooters received ribbons for their participation and support.
4-H members sold refreshments to also help aise money.
The skeet
The skeet shooting idea originated after chapter
nembers said they outside of their yearly animal projects, according to 4-H Extension Agent Michael Bond.
"People wanted to do more target sports and we figured this would be a good idea to see if a shooting
sports club would work," Bond said. The national 4-H, which is an international life skills learning organization, has a shooting sports club that teaches youth about firearms marksmanship, safety and responsibility. The Tribal chapter is
considering adding such a club.

Virginia Billie Wins Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament
 on the tournament's second hole.

Results
Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament:
1.Viriginia Billie

Ricky Doctor Raymond Garza Eric Johns Mondo Tiger.


Virginia Billie, the Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament winner, attempts a shot on the game's first hole.

## BY NAII TOBIAS <br> Staff Reporter

CLEWISTON - Tribal citizens and employees competed at the Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament held at the Clewiston Country Club and Golf Cour
on Feb. 6. on Feb. 6 . 11 gamers played in the 18 -hole venue. Tribal citizen Virginia Billie outlasted her 10 counterparts in a spirited match as she
skins - most in the tournament.

Billie won the tournament on the eighth hole with a net eagle and stroke handicap over Mondo Tiger, who came in as a favorite to win it. Both Billie and Tiger scored a birdie on that hole
Billie birdied on holes six most difficult spots on the course and par 5 shots. Tiger, who actually shot for a birdie on the aforementioned hole, finished with one skin due to the stroke handicap that played into Billie's favor. "Virginia did really well for not playing so
much," said Charlie Cypress, who finished tied with Tiger and three others for the runner-up spot. "I want everyone to do good every time we c out here," Billie said. "The Clewiston Golf Course is wide open, so it's a good place to play. Tribal citizens and employees will have the op-
portunity to compete in skins tournaments of this kind portunity to compete in skins
twice a month for the next three months in Clewiston, according to Cypress. "Everybody wants to do it again," Cypress said. "We're just getting started, but we hope to have more people come out in the future.
 Antho
loss.

## Tribal Ballers Lead Way for Vanguard

 the reservation and do something with our lives."

Anthony, Josie and Rashaun
the team's top three scorers this season - have been playing basketball together since they were elementary school age. On
weekends or whenever they get a weekends or whenever they get a
chance, they spend time together honing their jump shots and other skills at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress, their home reservation.

All three of them share the feeling that sasketball is a way
for them to secure a positive lifestyle.
"If we don't play basketball,
we might end up we might end up getting into drugs and alcohol," Josie said. the time." Anthony, a junior point
guard, is the Vanguard's floor guard, is the Vanguard's floor
general. His average of four asgeneral. His average of four as-
sists per game during the regular sists per game during the regular
season led the team. He is also the team leader on defense, averaging three steals per game.
Anthony is Vanguard's second Anthony is Vanguard's second
leading scorer with 12.1 points leading scorer with 12.1 points
per game.

Meanwhile, Anthony's cous-
in, Josie, a shooting guard, is arin, Josie, a shooting guard, is ar-
guably the best overall player for Vanguard. The Panthers' leading scorer with 18.7 points per game, Josie was named MaxPreps. com's Player of the Week for the
week of Jan. 24-30. week of Jan. 24-30.
his averaging 22 points per game his averaging 22 points per game and is Vangurd's


Though Vanguard lost to Lake Placid, 73-45, at home on Jan. 25, Panthers shooting guard Josie Balentine led his team with 13 points in the game.


Vanguard center Rashaun Jim, the team's laring re Vounder, attempts a pair of free throws during the Panthers' Jan. 15 game against the Lake Placid Dragons.


## Ahfachkee School Holds Off Miccosukee School in Basketball Game

BY NAII TOBIAS Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The staffs of th Ahfachkee and Miccosukee schools faced
off in a basketball game at the Herman L. off in a basketball game at the Herman L.
Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress to celebrate a close partnership that they have forged over the years.
Though the two schools are approxi Though the two schools are approxi-
mately 60 miles apart - Ahfachkee is at the mately 60 miles apart - Ahfachkee is at the
Big Cypress Reservation, while Miccosukee is located at the Trail Reservation in west Miami-Dade County - both groups
of staff and students have found a way to build a solid partnership. The Ahfachkee
School invited the Miccosukee School to School invited the Miccosukee School to
play the Feb. 5 game, which play the Feb. 5 game, which Ahfachkee
won $62-54$. Miccosukee played with a lot of grit
but it never had a lead on the home squad. A lot of that had to do with a combination of fast-break layups, timely jump shots and good defense by the Ahfachkee team. than Robbins led the offensive attack with nine of the team's 17 points. Amazingly Robbins scored more than the entire Mic cosukee team did in the first frame. He had
some key assistance from standouts Terri some key assistance from standouts Terri
Baker and Tia Osceola. Baker and
It was more of the same in the second It was more of the same in the second each other; we're just trying to open up
quarter, as Osceola and Robbins hit some more lines of communication with them."

key 3-pointers, keeping Miccosukee's de-
fense honest throughout the stretch. Robfense honest throughout the stretch. Rob
bins finished with 25 points in the game.
Miccosukee never Miccosukee never got within two
points of Ahfachkee the entire game points of Ahfachkee the entire game.
"In the first half, we figured that we got a good read $g$ oing on here," Robbins said. "We wanted to put our young players in, once we got a big lead. For me, I felt
like I had to help my teammates by being the leader." I was trying to get everybody Charlie Osceola led Miccosukee with 4 points, including six three-pointers. "Ahfachkee came out and played hard," "Miccosukee head coach Jorge Font said. "They just had our number, but hink we did our best. Charlie kept us in
the game, but our shooting was off in the first half. We got hot in the second half, but it wasn't enough."
Ahfachkee principal Walter Swan,
who hosted the Miccosukee students and who hosted the Miccosukee students and staff on a tour of the school's culture camp before the gam
"As the crow flies, we're pretty far
way from Miccosukee," Swan said. "It' away from Miccosukee, Swan said. "It'
the first time we ever came down there chool year. We share Tribal favor in one
 Ahfachkee's Jonathan Robbins, who scores a game-high 25
Charlie Osceola as he banks in a lay-up in the second half.
 Ahfachkee's Terri Baker (in the white jersey
gling battle with Miccosukee in the first half.


Super Sunday Brunch Features Former Coach Jimmy Johnson

Former University of Miami and Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson discusses his coaching career in football and gives pregame analysis on SuperBowi XLI
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Hard Rock Hosts ‘Miami Rice’ Celebrity Gala


Tribal citizen Richard Osceola, center, with former National Football League stars of the San Francisco 49ers, Hall of Fame nominee Jerry Rice, left, and William Floyd, gathered at the Miami Rice celebrity gala at the Hard Rock Feb. 4 as a part of Super Bowl XLIV festivities to benefit the Buoniconti Fund/Miami Project to Cure Paralysis

Big Cypress Youth Instructional Basketball League
asket with a little assistance from Referee Don a basket with a little assistance from Referee Don
Click during the start of the eight-week Big Cypress Youth Instructional Basketball League season o Feb. 6. Coaches and professional referees are
teaching game fundamentals, problem-solving and sportsmanship. Youngsters from kindergarten to spixth grade can still register have an opportunity to
learn the basic skills and fund amentals of the learn the basic skills and fundamentals of the game on Saturday mornings at the Herman Osceola Gym.


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## Cardinal Gibbons Hoopsters celebrate senior night

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

FORT LAUDERDALE
ns High School Lady Chiefs basketball squad has a Tribal one-two punch that has led them far beyond what could have been expected for their team this year.
Seniors and Tribal citizens Tiana "Hali" GarciaSeniors and Tribal citizens Tiana "Hali" Garcia-
Sanders and Aimee Osceola are a major reason why a Sanders and Aimee Osceola are a major reason why a
team that finished with an 11-12 mark last season has blossomed into one of the best in Broward County this year at 19-1.
The two helped close out Cardinal Gibbons' regu-
lar season in style, $65-15$, against an overmatched and lar season in style, $65-15$, against an overmatched and
winless McArthur High squad. The game was played Jan. 25 during senior night in front of friends and famJan. 25 during senior nig


Osceola looks down the court for a teammate on the fast break during their game versus McArthur High.

The Lady Chiefs began the game on a 12-2 run
d the never looked back. Garcia-Sanders and Osceoand the never looked back. Garcia-Sanders and Osceo la lead the way in scoring with 17 and 11 points, re-
spectively. The victory also completed a current $14-$ game win streak.

This season has gone way past my expectations, Gordon send-year Cardinal Gibbons head coach Kevin "With the two of them it has been great; they are reat combination," Gordon said of Garcia-Sander and Osceola. "This school and basketball will miss them."

Osceola said their one regular season loss created spark they needed to turn the season around. like the feeling and we decided to do so we did not like that feeling and we
about it," the forward said.

As teammates dating back several years ago as part of the Lady Seminoles and Below-The-Rim travel teams for the Tribe, their winning ways and goals still remain the same.
"As a team, we got through all the kinks this summer and every
said. "It is the best team I have ever been on. Their team success is all the more impressive based on just one year of experience together as Lady Chiefs.
At the guard position and as team co-captains, Garcia-Sanders transferred from Westlake Preparatory
School in Davie while Osceola came from Hollywood Christian High.
College is a priority for each of them. Several universities have shown recruiting interest, including the University of Florida, Florida Southern,
eastern University and Barry University
eastern University and Barry University
cess, said she wants to become a chiropractor someday while Osceola is interested in the psychology or child care fields.
"This entire year has been very emotional for me," said Virginia Garcia-Sanders, Tiana's mother. "I have
loved watching them play off of one another. They loved watching them play off of one another. They
know what to expect from each other and bond well." Osceola's father, Curtis Osceola, said he has supported his daughter on and off the court since she took up basketball at around the age of 5 . on," "She loves the game and was recognized early of her. "Her education is number one to me though," he continued. "I want her to go to a school where she will have the opportunity to have a good education. I already know she can play basketball." Senior teammates Danielle McNealy, Justina Cor-
one and Catherine Weisz were also honored during the one and Catherine weis
senior night festivities.


Garcia-Sanders puts on the defensive pressure in first half action against McArthur High.


## Ariah Osceola Provides Hollywood Christian with Leadership and Shooting Touch

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
HOLLYWOOD

- Tribal citizen Bruce Pratt watched in amazement as Ariah Osceola hit a barrage
of 3-pointers during Hollywood Christian's 63-13 dismantling of Mi-ami-Northwest Christian on Feb. 20. "You know what?" Pratt said
before cracking a laugh. "She plays before cracking a laugh. "She plays
like a boy out there on the court. Ariyah, she's awesome. The girl can play. She has no weaknesses. Christian (27-4) to the girls high
school basketball Class 1A Final school basketball Class 1A Final
Four championship in Lakeland Four championship in Lakeland
for the third consecutive year. The for the third consecutive year. The
Osceola's 55 3-pointers during the Osceola's 55 3-pointers during the
regular season were tops on the
Hollywood Christian squad and Hollywood Christian squad, and
she connected on a team-high four she connected on a team-high four
3 -pointers in the first half of the regional title game against Miami-
Northwest Christian. She and fellow Northwest Ctristian. She and fellow
sharp-shooting teammate Sarah Kel-sharp-shooting teammate Sarah Kel-
ton finished the game with a teamhigh 14 points.
er," "Hollywood Christian head placher," Hollywood Christian head coach
Carlos Adamson said "She's Carlos Adamson said. "She's start-
ing to grow as a ballplayer. She's an exceptional shooter, but one thing we would like to see her do more of ten is to be aggressive with the ball." Osceola, who as an eighth grad-
er was recognized by The Miami er was recognized by The Miami
Herald as an All-Broward first-team Herald as an All-Broward first-team
selection, is currently fielding colselection, is currently fielding colDivision I schools, including Rut-
gers and Kentucky. Osceola said she gers and Kentucky. Osceola said she
hasn't put much thought into college hasn't put much thought into college
basketball, as she's focused on helpbasketball, as she's focused on help-
ing her team complete its seasoning her team complete its seasover

Hollywood Christian sophomore guard Ariah Osceola hits an open three-pointer as she helps lead the Eagles to a 66-17 win over Florida
Bible Christian on Jan. 21. Bible Christian on Jan. 21.
Osceola said what motivates her is the unwavering parental support she gets at the games - with
her father coaching on the sidelines her her mother, Francine Osceola, cheering her on when sitting in the stands.
"I lov "I love it when my parents are there to see me play; it makes me
a better player," Osceola said. "It helps me out a lot."

Marl Osceola, the Hollywood Christian assistant coach Marl Osceola, the Hollywood Christian assistant co
encourages his players to finish the season strong.


Cathy Cypress Finishes ING Miami Marathon


Cathy Cypress after finishing the eighth annual ING Miami Marathon on Jan.31. Cypress ran in the 13.1 -mile half marathon in less than 2 hours, beating her 2 -hour, 11 -minute finish in the $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ race. Cypress, along with more than $\mathbf{1 8 , 0 0 0}$ other runners, took off from the
starting line just in front of the American Airlines Arena in downtown Miami. The route took starting line just in front of the American Airlines Arena in downtown Miami. The route took
them north up Biscayne Boulevard, across the MacArthur Causeway, around Miami Beach and back. Cypress, who has been running competitively for 15 years, started training about three weeks before the race.


## Mercedes Osceola Gets Ready to Rally



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 to establish checkpoints along the course to
ensure that racers aren't cheating. Event ofensure that racers aren't cheating. Event of- Rez Rally.
ficials also monitor the course to make sure people who registered for the walking race aren't run-
ning. Anyone caught cheating is disqualifed ning. Anyone caught cheating is disqualified. In the end, it was Team Brighton doing the chest-
thumping. thumping.
More
ore than 500 Brighton representatives came out to win the award for the largest number of participants. The home reservation also captured
awards as well as the trophy for the highest percentage of participants - an award Team Brighton also earned in 2009.
Brighton now has four victories overall, matching Big Cypress for most among all reservations.
Brandy LaRose, a non-resident who Okeechobee and competed for Team Brighton, had her game face on as she laced up her shoes and prepared for her first walk race. A mother of three young children, LaRose competed in the stroller/wheelchair race during
the past four Rez Rallies. She placed fifth in last year's event. "Our goal here with the Brighton team is to enhance its winning reputation," LaRose said as she recalled Brighton's Trike Fest victory this past November. "The Rez Rally shows who normally works out and who's out of shape.

Maranda Serrano, also a non-resident who participated in this year's Rez Rally for Team Brighton, can
attest to that notion. As a girl's basketball and volleybal player for Okeechobee High School, the 15 -year-old competitor said winning the Rez Rally - whether as an individual and/or a team - is all that matters to her on
this day this day. it's from your own team, it pushes passing you, even if Maranda, who as a runner during six Rez Rally competitions placed fourth and seventh overall in 2007 and
2008 , respectively. "Nobody likes to get beat," 2008, respectively. "Nobody likes to get beat."
Clea Billie Herrera, a team captain for Big Cypress, liked her reservation's chances as she focused on the teamwork concept of competition. Approximately 300 Big Cypress members showed up for this year's Rez Rally.


Rez Rally competitors get excited about the race ahead.


The stroller/wheelchair competitors get ready to roll in the the third group to go at the Rez Rally.


The Semin Fitness cheer dancers perform

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you have fun and get what you wish for. I'm glad to have a sister like you in my life

Happy birthday from your brother,
Angelo Osceola Sr.
Wishing a happy birthday to my niece,
Chloe, who looks like her mother. Hope you get what you wish from on this special from your uncle,


Tampa senior Bobby Henry celebrates Affairs Office.

## LIEMERS

The 7th Annual Toy Drive sponsored by Mitchell Cypress, Chairman of the Seminole
Tribe of Florida was an outstanding success thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the local residents and businesses of Broward County, Mobile Mike, and Clear Chan nel Radio

This year Chairman Cypress and his staff delivered toys to the Joe DiMaggio
Children's' Hospital where they were able to bring a smile to the faces of the many children unable to celebrate the holidays at home. It is our obligation as Seminoles to continue the tradition of giving, and in the
spirit of our ancestors, our Tribal members, employees and friends were able to touch the lives of thousands of children in various South Florida locations.
Just before Christmas, Mobile Mike and Clear Channel Raan caravanned to Florida with Big Mama and the Florida City Police Department to hand out toys to the local families that are less fortunate.

In addition to those mentioned there are many others who donated their time, money and gifts for this worthwhile cause.
The success we experience is attributed to all of you and the support you unselfishly continue to give. Our sincerest and heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making this year our most successful toy drive date.

## Warmest Regards,

Mitchell Cypress, Chairman
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 er 58th birthday on Jan. 13 at the Tamp Elder Affairs Office

## To Everyone

The Florida Seminole veterans would like to take a few moments to say thank you
to everyone that helped and attended the First Florida Seminole Veterans Scholarship Fundraiser with the Bellamy Brother's Con
cert at the Florida Seminole Veterans' Build ing to be a success.
This was a learning experience for all ter.

## Sincerely,

John W. Huff S
President, Florida Seminole Veterans


Happy birthday, Nel. First of all I waned to say thank you and the family for taking me out to celebrate my birthday. But most of all I wanted to wish you a happy birthday
and to let you know, I have all the pleasant memories stored in my heart from being a "little girl" to the women you've become. I am so proud and very grateful to have you for a daughter. I'll always be thankful for be-
ing there for me to make my life better and living happier. Remember you'll always be "my little girl." You're my pride and joy.

Love you much!
Mom

## VALENIINES



Happy Valentine's Day, Baby
Love you,
Mayra


CONGRATULATIONS


Congratulations to Ozzy Osceola, Trevor Thomas, and Brian Bishop on being selected for the 2009 OCRA Mighty Mites All Star Football Team and winning the championship. We are so proud of you boys!

## Coach Gene and Michele Thoma



We would like to give our huge congratulations to our son-in-law Luis Viveros
for his acting parts in the new movie "The Book of Eli", starring Denzel Washington that hit the theaters Jan. 15. Luis also starred in Toby Keith's movie "Beer for My Horsproud.

POEMS
Anguish Like a Crystal Rose
Anguish like a crystal rose
in poetic prose,
sharp as a thorn,
My woes written down
midst sorrows and frowns.
What's sown is what's reaped,
Yet perished and reborn
and no longer forlorn.
Poems on crystal leaves,
to perceive and then grieve.
As I smile, as I weep,
in this flowery reek,
is oh-so-enchanting.
So that poems iridescent
herald the event,
of a crystal rose
in poetic prose
or so the story goes.

- Elgin Jumper
December 12, 2009

Let Me Ride
Let me ride when it's my time and nobody cry, ay for the good times and life goes on whe No need to put on a big show to lay me in the ground,

The first impression they say that's what lasts, Visions of me creeping low with the only sound a shotgun blast.

I know many men will be happy on that day,
But it's alright because I'll be laughing when there you la
A coward dies a thousand deaths. A warrior dies one,
Why you hating me for living mine and having fun? I was born a warrior and live to die one too,
Osceola, Geronimo, Red Cloud, Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull I pledge allegiance to you.

My war band and war shield is always on display, That's my mentality every day.
I embrace my journey in the spirit world to come, A place where it's only my Native people as one.

The only thing I'll miss about this world is my Momma, family and those few chosen friends, I Thank you very much for unconditional love till my end.

I know you are sad right now for the loss f me, at the same time try to smile at the thought

My presence will be felt as time goes on
My presence will be felt as time goes on
Because I love you all and we share an ultimate bond.
Whenever you feel or see me don't be nervous
It'll be alright, I'm only checking on those
or the good times and life goes on let it play
This love I have in my heart Momma, family
And those few chosen friends is here to stay
For eternity a warrior I will always be
Let me ride with this smile on my face
Unconquered Seminole Tribe of Florida
Continue to rise as well as out whole Native race.
-Ike T. Harjo

A Movie Store in South Florida
I was at the movie store again lookin' for somethin good to watch, when Jack Crabb from "Little Big Man" strolled by carryin' a "Dances With Wolves Special Edition DVD" and he was youthful, too, sorta like when he had just returned to "the Human Beings." He was a-goin' off to the lady behind the counter about how inexpensive these movies were, and how he was gonna go back and tell "Old Lodge Skins" about it. Well, he paid the lady
and went outside and got into a primer-colored ' 65 Mustang and drove off into a painted sky. "That's awfully nice of him," I said to myself before goin' back to browsin' around some more (I do that to keep myself in shape). When I saw Lone Watie, in frockcoat and top hat, he was a-sneakin' up on the Outlaw Josey Wales, but then Little Moonlight was a-sneakin' up on Lone Watie, so I didn't know whether to duck or to run. "They stood us in a line," I remember Watie explainin to Wales later on as to his trip to Washington, DC
prior to the Civil War. "John Jumper, Chilly McIntosh, Buffalo Hump, John Pock Mark, and me." The leaders of Five Civilized Tribes resemblin' Abraham Lincoln "Endeavor to Persevere," the Secretary of the Interior had urged them. I drew near. All of a sudden, Lone Watie looked up from the Blue Ray discs and smiled at me. You see, "Ten Bears was my blood brother now! I started chewin' tobaccy! I started sayin", "I reckon so, 1 reckon so ... "A mottey group of outcasts and a mangy hound began followin me around the store. "They took my horse and made him surrender," Lone watie informed me, just
before we left for the tradin' post near the Creek Nation to get another horse. "They have him pullin' a wagon up in Kansas, I bet." To the lady behind the counter on the way out, I remarked, "God, I love this store, I love this store.

- Elgin Jumper


## January 30, 2010

The Journey Within
Call forth the riches of a prayer. Question, then follow brilliant sun-rays to an answer, for great art and danger soar together, as if a heart richer than gold. All blooms here and color shrieks to the heart of day, and that same solitude the artist immerses in is the retur journey within, beautiful, brave, singing distant days in a different breath, experiencing the answers without even noticing it. O, how fortunate is the sparrow that falls with such Providence. How fortunate am I that the sunlight spills through the leaves and branches of the trees, even permits warmth for a time, even for the temperamental blunders. And Which one or us, in moments of human ass, has not failed to disappoint, in the moments of human frailty, in falling and faling, to a lyrical soul, and with the light failing, falling falling, to eons of remorse and regret.

Feb. 5, 2010

## POEMS

Pure Love and Pure Strength
Pure love and pure strength is what you show, Happy birthday to aawaache Jennie B. Harjo.

Another birthday and many more to come This goes out to the greatest waache From a very proud son.

Waache, you raised me proper taught me right From wrong, I remember those days clearly Though it's been so long.

I think about us going to Swap Shop or the movies All those years ago, waache shanabisha for Not saying no.
Amposhe and waache feeding me at the clock, BLT, cheeseburger and fries listening to The little jukebox.

Yes, I remember all those great times when I Was young, aawaache and poshe speaking mikasuki Our Native tongue.

Waache, I treasure those days gone by Once again, I'm very proud always with My head held high.
You are always there for me in my time of need, That hasn't changed since my birth Waache still doing great deeds.

Affach koo chez ken ugg lum mele waaache Everyday, continue taking care of yourself Stay stress free OK

Waache always hold your head high for the Many great things you have done, Even whe It comes to the only hell you ever raised Your youngest son.'
Because waache I'm a better man now than Was back then, wiser determined and focused As I continue to write with this pen.

I'll never profess to be a saint like many People do, waache my big sis also raised this
Warrior to be mean and tough in environments Like this blue

Waache, I'm a warrior that will always stand tall, In a world where the weak minded Continuously fall.

Nakee engele nomogah cha chonoshbun cho Thool len ungele, waache ahhayake eehchino Gotchu mele.

Pure love and pure strength from a woman that's $100 \%$ unconquered Seminole, happy birthday Waache from your youngest son Ike T. Harjo - Ike T. Harjo Panther Clan

It Ain't Easy Being Me
It ain't easy being me when I'm trying to change my evil ways, Some don't want me to be happy and some test my tolerance level But it's OK

I'm still a warrior just without I will stand tall,
I'm still a warrior just without the tension and aggression I came with to you all.

I ain't mad at cha for hating me the way you do, Because those that love me truly outweigh all of you.

Only God can judge me for this change I've made, I will always be grateful for those that loved me when their Feelings fade.

Until the end of time is what's said but I continue To become a forgotten man,
It's all good though because I'm an unconquered Seminole From the Panther Clan.

So many tears shed for me and I thank you all for that, Keep the faith one day I'll be where you're at.

Are you still down with your soul mate? I know it's easy to get discouraged But stay strong no matter how much they hate.

Nothing but love is what I have in my heart because of you, It ain't always been that way. You all should thank her too.

Me against the world after all these years. It's still the same, it doesn't matter that I retired From the Jack \& Player game.

Some just don't want me to be happy no matter How much time has passed, regardless I will continue To smile and change for the better until I breathe my last.

Misery loves company I will thrive on yours and turn it into a plus, Because I refuse to have anger or tension in me This you can trust

Still I rise against your enemy and your hate, Will you be able to stand tall like me When you meet your fate?

Only the strong survive in this life of sin,
t's written in blood from this panther in the pen.
I'll see you when I get there. It's just a matter of time, Hats off to my soul mate for changing this evil mentality of mine
ain't easy being me but I will continue to smile because you hate, Mayra H. Harjo, you I will always cherish and appreciate.

## - Ike T. Harjo

## NOTICE OF AVAI ABALIIY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of a home on trust property for Edward Jon Aguilar. The approximately 1.5 acre lot is located at Township 48 South, Range 33 East, Section 2, Hendry County, Florida, which is located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated December 2009, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Edward Jon Aguilar Home Site Lease, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for the approval of the home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office or the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 5201 Ravenswood Road, Suite 105, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965-4380.

APPEALS: "This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made."

For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214 , telephone (615) 564-6832

Superintendent, Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs

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SEMINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPD Adds Bicycle Patrol to its Crime Prevention Efforts


## SPD Offers Training Seminars

Narcotics Identifications, Big Cypress: March 1-5, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Combat Handgun, Glades County Range: March 2, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Public Speaking, Big Cypress: March 8, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. 24 -Hour Block, Big Cypress: March 10 - 12, 9am - 5pm. Less Lethal Operator, Glades County Range: March 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In -Service Firearms, Glades County Range: March 16, 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. 24-Hour Block, Big Cypress: March $24-26,9$ a.m. - 5 p.m. 24 -Hour Block, Big Cypress: March 31 -April 2, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

(L-R): SPD Sergeant George Go
bear during a practice shoot
SPD Holds Black Bear Awareness Seminar $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Seminole Tribe Animal Control BIG CYPRESS - Seminole Tribe Animal Contro and Police Department officials held a four-hour work
shop on how to deal with black bears following recen bear sightings around South Florida, including one near the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress.
Michael A. Orlando, a wildlife biologist with the Michael A. Orlando, a wildlife biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,
highlighted black bear behavior along with how the ani highlighted black bear behavior along with how the ani-
mals affect people. There has never been a documented attack on a human in the state of Florida, according to the FWC. However, it does not mean that people are completely safe around them.
"But "Bears don't want to hurt people," Orlando said. "But they can read our body language better than we read theirs. If [the bears] really wanted to turn it on and Though the sight of a black bear calls for caution, bears in a residential neighborhood are typically not classified as an emergency case because they typically
leave the area on their own for their original location, leave the area on their own for their original location, such as a federally protected wildlife territory, Orlando on the boardwalk that sasquez it," said. "There were peop When confronted by humans, there are several Orlando encouraged the class to put away food, ways a bear can react if it feels uncomfortable, includ- tants are secure from the bear.
ing running away or climbing into a tree. ing running away or climbing into a tree.
"Bears are really intelligent," "Orlando said. "They have to behave like a dominant species be-
cause once they learn that people aren't really mean, all are timid and they don't really want to be around peo- fear is lost in the process, he said.
Fle., For more information on the black bear contact Orlando gave the SPD officers and animal control Michael Orlando through email at mike.orlando@MYofficials some advice on how to handle a bear in that FWC.com or by phone at (386)965-2464. You can also

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## 暗 Brighton Field Day E



Newly crowned royalty Brighton Jr. Miss Cheyenne Nunez, left, and Brighton Miss Brianna Nunez make their first appearance in the Brighton Field Day parade.


Miss Florida Seminole Princess Brittany Smith makes her grand entrance.


## FIELD DAY <br> From page 1A

departments and organizations rode in the
parade, which featured floats decorated to parade, which featured foats decorated to
display aspects of Seminole culture such as a dugout canoe.
Tribal members dressed in their traditional Seminole attire to participate in the
popular clothing contest. The festival also popular clothing contest. The festival also
featured a rodeo. "I hope they take a piece of culture with
them and realize that Florida is not all about
Mickey Mouse and beaches," Tribal memher Willie Johns said of the students and
tourists. "That there's a trad tourists. "That there's a tradition, there's a
culture here deep inside the Everglades and culture here deep inside the Everglades and
it's the Seminoles."
Brighton Field Day was started in NoBrighton Field Day was started in No-
vember 1938 by William P. Bochmer and
is wife - both teachers at the Brighton Day his wife - both teachers at the Brighton Day
School - as a way to bring Seminoles from
all reservations together for some friendly all reservations together for some friendly
competition and fun. The event was not competition and fun. The event was not
highly publicized like it is today, but it was
very well attended by Seminoles and nonhighly publicized like it is today, but it was
very well attended by Seminoles and non-
Tribal members.
The Brighton community eventually The Brighton community eventually
decided to begin charging admission to the
annual festival along with setting up arts decided to begin charging admission to the
annual festival along with setting up arts
and crafts vendors to help fund the followand crafts vendors to help fund the follow- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eecho } \text { B } \\ & \text { ing year's festival. }\end{aligned}$
Jim Billie


Aleah Turtle takes second place in the Best Dressed Cowgirl 17 \& under Jim Billie performs with the Raiford Starke Band.


Little Miss Seminole Aubee Billie and Little Mister Seminole
Lance Howard welcome the crowd to Brighton Field Day.



Brighton Ir Miss Seminole contestant Delilah Carrillo conducts a demonstration on how to make Seminole pumpkin bread



Breanna Billie te
Continued from previous page
"My favorite holiday is Christmas because Jesus Christ was born on that day," Cheyenne said.
That, combined with her spirited song rendition in Creek, was enough for the judges to give Cheyenne this year's Brighton Jr. Miss Seminole title.
Other Jr. Miss contestants included Harley Johns, who sang "Jesus Loves Me" in the Creek language who sang "Jesus Loves Me " in the Creek language,
Lahna Baker, who gave an account of the Tribe's history with the box turtle; Krysta Burton, who told the audience a Seminole story about stickball in its cul ture; Luzana Venzor, who presented a Seminole drawing made by Hollywood Tribal citizen Connie Frank; Raylon Eagle, who gave a brief account of the 12 cal the audience how to sow Seminole strips of clothing the audience how to sow Seminole strips of clothing;
Elizabeth Johns, who talked about the three Seminole Wars of the 18th century and their aftermath; and Deliah Carrillo, who demonstrated how to make Seminole
pumpkin bread.
"I am so proud of them," said Alice Sweat, grand-
mother of the Nunez cousins and Stevie Brantley, last mother of the Nunez cousins and Stevie Brantley, last
year's Brighton Miss Seminole Princess. "They're willing to learn what I teach them. They know how to sow, dance, sing, cook and play sports. They're just typical teenagers who like to have fun. If they continue to be on the path that they're going, I see them repre
senting the Tribe very well as adults."

## 32nd Annual Brighton Miss Seminole

 Princess Pageant Results2010-2011 Brighton Miss Seminole Princess Winner: Briann Nunez
1st runner-up: Kirsten Doney
3rd runner-up: Breanna Billie
4th runner-up: Jennie Eagle
2010-2011 Brighton Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Winner: Chey enne Nunez
1st runner-up: Elizabeth Johns
2nd runner-up: Lahna Baker
3rd runner-up: Deliah Carillo
Participation awards: Raylon Eagle, Harley Johns, Brydgett Koontz, Luzana Venzor

Notes: The judging panel consisted of Jennie Allen, Chalo Nitka Pageant Coordinator, Lane Denson, Choctaw Tribal Event Coordinator of Philadelphia, Miss.,.Alyssa Rivera, Miss Florida Teen USA Liss Chor Miss Choctaw of Philadelphia, Miss.
rewell speeches to the audience and Brantley, who offered a farewell speech of her own, was honore Brighton's Seminole Princess. Brighton's Sem


Hice Sweat (center, back row) stands with her madil Naj Tobias Miss Brianna Nunez (left), Brightond with her grandaughters, newly crowned Brighton Miss Brianna Nunez (left), Brighton Jr. Miss Cheyenne Nunez (right) and Jr. Miss Florida

Kiyier
basket.

MORE BRIGHTON FIELD DAY . . .


Abrahamson Leela of the Haskell dance group demonstrates the fancy shawl dance.

2nd Place- Brighto 3rd Place- Brighton Princess<br>th Place- 4-H Small Animal Club<br>Honorable Mention: Family and Preschool Language<br>Best Hunting/Swamp Buggy 1st Place- Marvin Bowers 2nd Place- Jason Baker<br>Best Decorated ATV<br>1st Place- Javaris Johnson<br>2nd Place-Aiyanna Tommie 4th Place- Chasity Harmo<br>Best Decorated Golf Cart/Mule<br>1st Place- Parker Jones 2nd Place- Aidan Tommie<br>3rd Place- Brydgett Koontz \& Kamani Smith<br>Best Decorated Bicycle 1st Brandon Entry 2nd Kyle Entry

Sest Dressed Cowgirl 17 \& Under 1st Place- Jacee Jumper
2nd Place- Aleah Turtle 2nd Place- Aleah Turtle 4th Place- Kalgary Johns 5th Place- Kassandra Baker
Best Dressed Cowboy 17 \& Under 1st Place- Jobe Johns 2nd Place- Timothy Urbina 4th Place- Tucker Johns

Best Dressed Cowgirl 18 \& Ove 1st Place- Jo Jumper

Best Dressed Cowboy 18 \& Ove 1st Place- Mingo Jones 2nd Place- Norman John 3rd Place- Roger Smith 4th Place- Billy Joe John 5th Place- Alex Johns

## Brighton Field Day Tour Rodeo

 BRIGHTON - The Eastern Indian Rodeo Asso- shoulders with a wide range of competitors during the rodeo talent traveled on Feb. 20-21 at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena as riders Annual Brighton Field Day Rodermances at the 72nd to the swamplands

Brighton cowboy Jacoby Johns takes first place with a 76 -point ride in the Bare back event during the Short Go Rodeo at Brighton Field Days.


Tour Rodeo in Brighton performance, scores were totaled for
the two days of rodeo and averages dethe two days of rodeo and averages de- far away as the Ca-
termined the Grand Champion in each Rockies, the event. Spectators filled the stands as the of Navajo country
and the Cherokee Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Rid- highlands to com-
ers risked life ers risked life and limb. They exited the pete in the perfor-
chutes with their matched wits with rodeo stock in the country. Excitement Rodeo has been ran through the audience as riders were event of the annual
caught caught up in their rigging, catapulted Brighton Field Day
through the ground. air and stomped into the celebration, which The barrel racers fought for pre-- arts and crafts fes-
cious seconds as they negotiated the tival and ofene its cious seconds as they negotiated the tival and opened its
clover leaf pattern with tight turns and clover leaf pattern with tight turns and gates to the general
bursts of speed. The livestock showed public decades ago. no mercy as they attempted to outwit "In the beginno mercy as they attempted to outwit in the opers, break away, steer wres- ning they held their tlers and team ropers. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fodeos down in the }\end{aligned}$ their ancestors were a few outstand- then built their first

R their ancestors were a few outstand- then built their first
ing young members of the EIRA Junior wooden arena just


Navajo John Salois wins Bareback Championship at the Brigh Field Day Tour Rodeo


Jr. Miss
crowd.


The youth show off their traditional Seminole attire during the clothing con- Lashae King gets ready to swing high at the Field Day carnival. test.


The runners take off on their 3.1 -mile morning jog raising awareness The walkers try to stay warm as they compete in $\mathbf{3 0 \text { -degree weather }}$
The runners take
for heart disease
dian National Finals Roints toward qualification at he In- Field Day as a Tour

van BruisedHead tied for first place with a $\mathbf{1 0 . 4}$ second run during the Long Go at the EIRA Tour
$\qquad$ ing young members of the EIRA Junior wooden arena just a little ways from here" said Moses "Men like Josiah Johns and Fred Smith worked Rodeo Circuit. They joined the com- Jumper Jr. "As a boy I remember these rodeos were one day," President Richard Bowers Jr. said. "When I read
petition in hope petition in hopes of honing their skills of the biggest competitive sports in the Tribe and people the names of the local contestants, it brings back memo-
and developing the competitive edge
ries of thaveled from all over to watch the events." necessary to become a future contender In more recent times the Professional Rodeo Cow- in past Field Days. This current generation is taking its
n
 The EIRA kicked off its 2010 ro- endar for inclusion in the four day event. However, the INFR."
deo season after establishing Brighton all-Indian EIRA is still its major sporting activity.

RESULTS OF BRIGHTON FIELD DAY "LONG GO" RODEO ON FEBRUARY 20
Bareback: 1. (Tie) Buck Lunak and John Salois, 2. Jacoby Johns, 3. Freddy WarBonnet. Steer Wrestling: 1. Chase Jordan, 2. Quinn Campbell, 3. Greg Lewis Calf Roping: 1. Ivan BruisedHead, 2. Britt Givings, 3. Felix Gilbert. Team Roping: 1. A.J. Ben/Ty Romo, 2. Lance Boyd/Dakota Lewis, 3. Rawley Ben/Ty Romo Barrel Racing: 1. Loretta Peterson, 2. Lisa Osceola, 3. Shelby Dehass, 4. Leanna Billie Bull Riding: 1. Koty Brugh, 2. Jay Garza.
$50+$ Breakaway: 1 . Britt Givens/Mingo

RESULTS OF BRIGHTON FIELD DAY "SHORT GO" RODEO ON February 21, 2010
Bareback: 1. Jacoby Johns, 2. John Salois, 3. Buck Lunak.
Steer Wrestling: 1. Josh Anderson, 2. Quinn Campbell, 3. Chase Jordan.
Calf Roping: 1. Kyle Dennison, 2. Chase Jordan, 3. Britt Givings.
Team Roping: 1. Josh Jumper/Naha Jumper, 2. A.J. Ben/Ty Romo, 3. Rawley Ben/Ty Romo Barrel Racing: 1. Carrera Gopher, 2. Loretta Peterson, 3. Mackenzie Bowers. Bull Riding: 1. None.

EIRA BRIGHTON FIELD DAY TOUR RODEO CHAMPIONS
Bareback: John Salois.
Steerwrestling: Quinn Campbell
Calf Roping: Britt Givings.
Ladies Breakaway Roping: Shelly Vocu
Barrel Racing: Loretta Peterson.
Barrel Racing: Loretta Peterson Bull Riding: Koty Brugh

# Seminole 5R Tribune 

## Tribe Hosts U.S. Army War College Seminar

HOLLYWOOD - Fifty military officers representing 49 countries recently made their way to the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters
Auditorium to learn about the Tribe's lifestyle and operations from its Auditorium to learn about the Tribe's lifestyle and operations from its
administrators. The Tribal Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki
Thinstrater
Museum and Education Department staff presented the officers with an educational seminar Feb. 18. The officers were part of the International Fellows Program at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, The seminar included a video that described the Tribe's administrative operations, a discussion about the Tribe's history and a Power-
Point presentation that described the Tribe's education initiatives. The visitors also received a program produced by Seminole Media Productions that contained welcome letters from Chairman Mitchell Cypress
and President Richard Bowers Jr., as well as profiles for several Tribal and President Richard Bowers Jr., as well as profiles for several Tribal
officials. Tribal dignitaries who attended included Board President Rich-
ard Bowers Jr., Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Everett Osceola of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Community Outreach
 Operations Officer El-
rod Bowers, and Pedro
Zepeda, the Ah-Tah Zepeda, the Ah-Tahdirector of tourism/tra-
ditional arts specialist.
Tribal citizen SteTribal citizen Ste-
phen Bowers, liaison of the Governor's Coun-
cil on Indian Affairs,
served cil on Indian Affairs,
served as the event's
emcee. All emcee, All shared
with the officers their thoughts and opinions
on the history, struggle on the history, struggle,
culture, survival and culture, survival and
success of the Seminole success of the Seminole
Tribe.
"We are and were a rich and proud Tribe
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things we are known things we are known
for now," Zepeda said.

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& \text { "Sometimes, however, }
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 dresses visiting miiitary officers in the Tribal
 From left, Danette Bowers, Homeowner Caryn Biillie, Joe Osceola, Sr., Trail Liaison William Osceola,
Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Theodore "Teddy" Billie, Steve Osceola and Don Billie participate in the ground breaking ceremony for the new campsites on the Tamiami Trail.

## Trail Breaks Ground on First of Six New Campsites

FY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
TAMIAMMI TRAIL- Seminole Tribal
members broke ground recently on the first
of six original campsites along the Tamiami
Trail, an area the Tribe has claimed as its
own for years but was prohibited from
building on by the federal government.
Architects, engineers, contractors, en-
vironmentalists, office staff and construc-
tion crew members participated in the long-
awaited ground breaking ceremony Feb. 18.
Many of these individuals had put years into
bringing this project to its final phase and
were looking forward to a completion of the
first residence within six months.
"We went to war with the federal gov-
ernment 11 years ago to exercise our right
to inhabit our original homelands within the
boundaries of the Everglades National Park
and Big Cypress Preserve," Trail Liaison
William Osceola said. "We hit opposition
during every encounter, but like our ances-
tors we did not accept defeat. Laying aside
battle by engaging our enemy with books,
knowledge, experience, lawyers, lobbyists and legal action."
 posed homeowners, Osceola selected high
pieces of land or previously inhabited locations for the new campsites. The government had previously denied the locations on
the grounds that the ancestral encampments the grounds that the ancestral encampme
were too deep within the Everglades.
The Tribe argued that Native Americ The Tribe argued that Native Americans
are environmental stewards of the land and
strive to live in harmony with their strive to live in harmony with their surroundings. The government eventually reached an
agreement with the Tribe that allows for pro agreement with the Tribe that allows for pro-
visional land use as long as there is a minimal impact on the environment, protection
of endangered species of plants and animals, and basic ecological responsibility. A por-
tion of the agreement allows hunting, fishing, trapping and ceremonial rites. Please see CAMPSITES on page 2A


## Tribe Celebrates Okalee Village's 50th Year

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD bers, Native Americans from as far away as Canada and local visitors converged on the Hard Rock anniversary of Okalee Village, one of the Tribe' earliest business ventures.
The free festival, held March 11 through 14 , showcased a variety of traditional activities, food and live entertainment. The attractions included an Okalee wildllife show, deepwater alligator show,
the Anikituhwa Warrior Dancers, Monument Valley Dancers, the Cowbone Band featuring Paul Buster, storytelling, clothing contest, canoe races, and numerous sporting activities.
every February. "It was something fantastic and new to have both events," Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress said. "It is a lot of friendship-making and ing friends back.
Handicrafts an Handicrafts and artwork were on display throughout the weekend, presenting the detailed,
colorful and subtle works known throughout the Tribe. Items included patchwork clothing and designs, Palmetto dolls, woodworks, Sawgrass basketry and beadwork, as well as other traditiona
art mediums such as mixed-media, watercolors acrylics, ceramics, and pencil and ink sketches and drawings. The art was submitted in a variety of age categories and themes.
A synchronized fireworks display over Lake
sceola Jr. said he has many fond memories of Okalee and recalled his tenure as a janitor at the eco-tourism attraction in his early teens.
"It is our own Smithsonian, kind of," Rep. Osceola said "I have Smithsonian, kind of," Rep. Osceola said. "I have always looked at it as a place
for cultural exchange. It is also a link to our past. It was a time to have one big celebration."
Okalee Village opened in March 1960 as one of the first business enterprises for the Tribal Board of Directors and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. and provided an employment opportunity for many site of the Hard Rock in Hollywood, the village attracted locals and tourists with its deepwater alligator wrestling shows and traditional Seminole Please see OKALEE on page 1D Complete Okalee Coverage \& Section D
Seminoles, Miccosukees Gather to Mark Anniversary


Students from the Miccosukee Kindergarten and Head Start Program offer the Pledge of AIlegiance to the Miccosukee and United States flags at the 74th anniversary of the Seminole
Conference.
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## Seminoles, Local Community Reenact Battle at Big Cypress Shootout



Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - Seminole war riors on horseback pushed through a
barrage of cannon and gun fire to take down dozens of U.S. Army soldiers and drive off the remaining regiment to se cure land that the Tribe has held sacred hundreds of years.
Tribal members dressed as Seminole warriors and local community
members impersonating U.S. soldiers recently took part in a battle that wasn't

Hundreds of people converged at he Billie Swamp Safari to watch the ment of a Second Seminole War battle in which Tribal warriors used guerrilla tactics to defeat a formidable U.S. Army unit. "The war lasted from 1835 to 1842 .
"This is our story," Moses "Big Shot" Jumper told attendees. "There
were many confrontations throughout \& Please see SHOOTOUT on page 2A

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Trail Liaison William Osceola, right, jo
the Campsite $\# \mathbf{6}$ on the Tamiami Trail.

SEMINAR From page 1A
the America, Col. Alpo Portelli, director of the U.S Aror War College/International Fellows ane of sach the program runs through June of each year and has 350 students with
only a select few internationals chosen. The officers must have at least 15 years of service, and courses allow them the opportunity to study abroad for one year. them to the cultural diversily to expose them to the cultural diversity of American perfect success story"
The men who attended the event hailed from all parts of the world, including the Czech Republic, Bosnia, Nepal, Pakistan, Botswana and India.
"We honor you here because you proct our freedom and you are true warriors,

Rep. Osceola said to the officers Hopes are to have the officers make the visit annually.
really enjoyed it because it gave me a chance to learn about American history
from another perspective," Col. Kees Matthjssen of the Netherlands. "The Seminoles have adapted in this modern society and I find it all fascinating.
The U.S. Army War College prepares
selected military civilian and international selected military, civilian, and international
leaders for the responsibilities of strategic leadership in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational environment, according to its Web site www.carlisle army.mil.
The goals of its program are to educate
current and future leaders on the develop ment and employment of landpower, support the operational and institutional force, conduct research and inform on national security and military strategy, as well as sup-
port the Army's strategic communication port th


Tribal Chief Operations Officer Elrod Bowers speaks about the different functions and department
ing."
As the ground-breaking took place at the proposed residence of Caryn Billie,
varying stages of site preparation were underway at the additional five locations. Project expansion will include the construction first stage of development. Billie said. "With one child in diapers, was one of the first names that went on the ground breaking is a dream come true,"


Seminole warriors on horseback pre pare for battle against U.S. Army sodiers during the Big Cypress battle

The war was the costliest Indian conflict in U.S. history and it is not known how
many Seminoles were killed or wounded. "It's good for history," Seminole re enactment fighter and Fort Pierce Tribal citizen Marlon Tommie said. "People need to hear the whole story $\ldots .$. . [The U.S. version] is always one-sided.
to hear about the Seminole to hear about the Seminole Wars from the
Seminoles. When the Indians won it Seminoles. When the Indians won, it was
always a massacre. But when the U.S. solalways a massacre. But when the U.S. sol-"
diers won, it was always a victory to them." Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcomed
attendees to the Shootout which was attendees to the Shootout, which was
scheduled to take place a day earlier but scheduled to take place a day earlier but
was postponed due to bad weather. Tribal vendors were on hand to sell food and sou-
venirs, and the event also featured a series 26. One of the exhibitions was a traditional Seminole campsite that was tended to overnight by Tribal and community members dressed in traditional Tribal attire.
"That's how it was back then," Chairman Cypress said. "Your imagination will ally happened." After the Seminoles claimed victory on
its own territory, Jumper summed up what the fight meant to the Seminole Tribe. We must fight for our freedom and
survival," Jumper said. "Our warriors are urvival," Jumper said. "Our warriors are
few, but they fight bravely."


From left, Martha Billie, Johnson Billie, Bobby C. Billie, Dannie Billie, Bobby Clay, Chairman of Seminole Tribe of Florida Mitchell Cypress, Jimmie Osceola, Chairman of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Colley Billie, and Andy Buster were the contributing speakers at the 74th Anniversary of the Seminole Conferenc

* ANNIVERSARY

From page 1A noles met with Florida Gov. David Sholtz,
Collier County Commissioner D. Graham Copeland, a chief justice of the Florid Copeland, a chief justice of the Florida
Supreme Court and several Florida Cabi net members to discuss the effects that the Great Depression had on the Seminoles Gov. Sholtz offered the Seminoles government assistance through President Franklin
D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

The Seminoles' empha
ohoan Checkish" - "just leave us alone." The Seminoles perceived the government's offer as a threat. Many of them feared any intervention by the government follow-
ing hundreds of years of encroachment by ing hundreds of years of encroachment by
the white population on native lands, three Seminole Wars, relocation efforts and enforced seclusion within the South Florida swamplands.
off Se inoles were accustomed to liv The recent construction of the Tamiami Trail
across their homeland had opened new income opportunities, specifically through the Because of the site's proximity to the highway, the 74th anniversary of the Seminole/Governor's Conference took place at the Tamiami Trail, approximately a mile east of the original meeting place. Following the ceremonies, attendees visited the actual site at Monument Lake and viewed the historical marker and studied its data.

Contributing speakers to the event were ie, Bobby Clay, Dannie Billie, Jimmie Osceola and Martha Billie. Alligator Alley Reservation Resource Officer Andy Buster and Houston Cypress served as emcees, students of the Miccosukee kindergarten and Head Start Program performed the Pledge of Heale Stant Program performed the Pledge of
Allegian to the Miccosukee and United States flags during the opening ceremony. "The speakers here today have given us, information to carry back to our families,"

Teaching them the importance of tradition nd the basic values of our ancestors is necill Small duplicates of the historical plaque were presented to Seminole Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Bobby C. Billie by
Houston Cypress on behalf of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. "As Miccosukee-Seminole descenants, we are all related by blood or clan," said Miccosukee Chairman Colley Billie. future and because of their determination to emain free and guard their homeland, we are here today to benefit from their deciions. It is our job to follow in their footsteps, and secure a future for the next generations,',
Seminole Tribal elders, the Ah-Tah-ThiKi Museum and the Collier County Museum did extensive research and prepared a commemorative book to document the occasion, Miccosukee Tribal Administrative CoordiOr Betty Larkins Osceola said. "This book will serve as a teaching aid "This book will serve as a te

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Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., President Richard Bowers Jr. and Tribal citizen Roger Smith ride their

## Tribe Co-Sponsors 62nd Annual Chalo Nitka Festival


#### Abstract

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff }}$ MOORE HAVEN - As thousands of Men enjoyed the atmosphere of this year's Chalo Nitka Festival, President Richard Bowers Jr. reflected on how the city's big- gest event was his favorite highlight of the year when he was growing up year when he was growing up. Moore Haven High School in 1972, joined several former classmates, including Moore Haven councilman John Ahern, at the March 6 event at Chalo Nitka Park partly to remi 6 event at Chalo Nitka Park partly to remi- nisce on how the event felt like to them nisce on how their youth. "It was the snowbirds came in to see us," President Bowers said as he watched the alligator show at the Chalo Nitka grounds. "The Northern people came down to run away from the snow and cold weather. They got to enjoy our Seminole Indian arts and crafts, food and activities." President Bowers walked alongside a horse with Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr Andrew J. Bowers Jr. and Tribal citizen Roger Smith during the Chalo Nitka parade The parade, which was held on Avenue J in The parade, which was held on Avenue J in nole Fitness Cheer Dancers and a float from Brighton's Pemaytev Emahakv Charter School. The newly-crowned Brigt School. The newly-crowned Brighton royal court of Seminole Princess court of Seminole Princess Brianna Nunez and Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Cheyenne and Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Chey Nunez also participated in the parade.




Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., fourth from left, special guest speaker Elouise P. Cobell,
fifth from left, and her family gathered Feb. 9 at the Hollywood Headquarters Auditorium befor fifth from left, and her family gathered Feb. 9 at the Hollywood Headquarters Auditorium before

The festival also featured James Billie and the Shack Daddies Band, an alligator
wrestling show hosted by Tribal member James Holt, a snake-handling sequence, a
ranch rodeo, a country and western dance, of vendor booths and Crafts exhibit, a host Seminole fashion show.
The Pemaytev Emahaky Charter School won a Chalo Nitka award for most original
float in the parade and the Brighton Seminole Princess Royal Court won the prettiest
float award. Since the Chalo Nitka festivities began
in 1948, some of the most popular attrac tions included the turkey call and alligator wrestling contests.
Brighton Tribal citizen Larry Howard said We're trying to bring more Native events
and culture back. Down here at the Caloosahatchee River in Moore Haven, this is where many of our Native activities took place. We
traveled along that route, when we were allowed to catch big bass back then. It's a big part of the Tribe's history."
Howard, who helped coordinate Chalo Nitka with the Moore Haven city commis-
sioners, said he would like to see an a big bass fish at next year's festival. Chalo Nitka means big bass in the Creek language.
Willie Johns said Chalo Nitka repre Willie Johns said Chalo Nitka re,
sents a common bond and camaraderie. school here in Moore Haven," Johns said "So it's really nice to kick back with them."


The Tribe scored a big win at this year's Chalo Nitka Festival when
Seminole Princess Royalty Court of Cheyenne and Brianna Nunez.


Tribal citizen Sandy Friday,
speaker Elouise P. Cobell.

## Native Rights Activist Inspires in Speech

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
HOLLYWOOD - Blackfoot Indian Nation leader Elouise P. Cobell visited the Tribal Head-
quarters Auditorium recently to share with Tribal quarters Auditorium recently to share with Tribal
citizens and employees how she successfully citizens and employees how she successfully
forced the United States government to pay billions forced the United States government to pay billio
of dollars in Individual Indian Trust royalties. Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. ited Cobell after reading about her case and meeting her throughout the Native conference circuit. "She is an inspiration for me in what she did
and should be for all Native Americans," President Bowers Jr. said. "I have never seen a woman take portant for us as the Seminole Tribe in battling for our own civil rights that this woman [has] actually Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. also attended the Feb. 9 visit.
Cobell, along with Person, Mildred Cleghorn, Thomas Maulson Old James Louis Larose, filed a class-action lawsuit against the U.S. Interior and Treasury departments in 1996. The plaintiffs accused the federal govern-
ment of losing or never dispersing $\$ 176$ billion in
oil, gas, grazing, timber and other royalties owed
oil, gas, grazing, timber and other royalties owed
to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans who to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans who
owned land managed by the government for at least 100 years.
ter years of repeated government appeals. The U.S. government agreed to distribute $\$ 1.4$ billion into a
trust accounting and administration fund, as well as $\$ 2$ billion into a trust land consolidation fund. A $\$ 60$ million federal Indian Education Scholarship fund has also been set up to improve access to higher education for Indian youth. The government agreed to appoint a commission to oversee
specific improvements in the Interior Department's accounting for and management of Individual Indian Trust accounts.
The settlement is believed to be the largest ever against the federal government and is larger than the combined value of all judgments and set-
tlements of all Indian cases in U.S. history. tlements of all Indian cases in U.S. history.
With approval by Congress, all funds are tentatively set to be dispersed in August.
Cobell said the wrongdoing was all part of a
contrived government cover-up she became suspicious of in the late 1970s as the former treasurer of
"I just tried on my part to push the governteam of fore the right thing," said Cobell, whose beam of forensic accountants determined the \$176 unity we had to pursue justice and that we would come full circle and back in order to gain the powe
we once had." Cobell, th
an-owned bank in the U.S., said maintaining confidence during the ordeal was vital to the cause. "Looking back it all just seemed like the stars aligned with the case," she added. "Every time I would happen." would happen

Tribal citizen Sandy Friday was part of the
ass-action and is scheduled to receive monetary distributions. She said she has been following the case from the beginning and greatly admires CobeI1. "I thought to myself when I heard about her, she
has a long, hard road but she never gave up She is has a long, hard road but she never gave up. She is
a lady warrior," Friday said. "The money does not a lady warrior, Friday said. "The money does not
mean that much to me; the fact that she took on mean federal government is huge. My monetary part
means nothing based on what she went through."

## Tribal Council Meets for Special Session

HOLLYWOOD - A resolution that allows an updated preschool program handbook to be distributed to parents was one of
28 agenda items approved during the first of two Tribal Council meetings at the Tribal Headquarters Auditorium on the Hollywood Reservation on Feb. 23.
Tribal Preschool Director Leona Tommie-Williams received unanimous approval from the Council on Resolution 16 for approval of the updated preschool program handbook. Tommie-Wil-
liams said the program is meant as a guide for parents at all four Tribal preschool locations in Hollywood, Big Cypress, Immokalee and Brighton.
"Putting myself in the position of a parent and adult is a guide to make for a better parent," Tommie-Williams said.

The handbook provides information including hours of operation, policies and procedures, services provided and nutritional in-
formation. During the afternoon session, the Tribal Council passed a resolution meant to protect natural resources and wildlife in migration
and breeding areas, as well as archeological lands and populations
which may be vulnerable to extinction. Keith Neves, who represents the Seminole Tribe on the U.S. Keith Neves, who represents the Seminole Tribe on the U.S.
Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the resolution protects all Seminole lands in current Trust status. The other resolution passed during the second session was
Resolution 7, which called for the extension of the approved Forest Resolution 7, which called for the extension of the approved Forest
Management Plan for the Seminole Reservations for a three-year Management Plan for the Seminole Reservations for a three-year
period. also included:
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Resolution 18: Approval of agreement with American Engi-
neering and Development Corporation for the construction of neering and Development Corporation for the construction of parking lot and site work at the Seminole Hard Rock and Casino-
Resolution 20: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission letter granting Valley Glen Entertainment, Inc permission to film for the television series currently entitled "Ken-
dra" at the Seminole Hard Rock and Casino - Hollywod dra" at the Seminole Hard Rock and Casino - Hollywood on th Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation; ratification.

SPD Chief Latchford Prepares for FBI Academy

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - Seminole Police Department Chief William Latchford can
add a rare distinction to his law enforceadd a rare distinction to his law enforce-
ment career - he is the first Tribal police officer to be nominated to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Va. militatchford is one of 250 police and receive officers from around the world to tion-only honor From April 12 to June 18 , he will participate in six courses related to


Seminole Police Department Chief William Latchford is the first Tribal police officer to be nominated to Seminole Poirce Department Iner atend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Va
issues such as youth violence, drugs, fit- commander at the Broward Sheriff's Offic ness, legal issues in law enforcement, and but returned two years later to become po
leadership.
"It is a tremendous honor that speaks volumes as to where we [SPD and the community] came from and are going," Chief Latchford said. "This whole experience will help broaden my scope in learning how to
deal with issues faced in Seminole Country deal with issues faced in Seminole Country
and the community on a day-to-day basis." Latchford has served as police chief since June 2008 and oversees more than 200 employees. He first joined SPD in 1994 as a patrol officer and rose through the ranks. ce chief.
His grandfather served on the New York Police Department force, and his fahent was a New York State Police Departchief for the City of Port Richey, Fla for 40 years.
is "We are very excited for him to have his opportunity and the relationships he an develop from such an experience," said Gerald Wheeler, a Tribal Chief Public Safethe conter. "It is also an opportunity to share
contemporary challenges our police deBroward County Sheriff Al Lamberti nominated Latchford for the academy. SPD Maj. John Auer, a 1994 FBI academy graduate and former BSO colonel, said Latchford's innovative approach to his job makes him an ideal
nominee.
"He has a lot of enthusiasm for the Tribe and the community," Auer said. "He is one of the most energetic people you would evermant to meet. His insight into community policing and law
enforcement is well beyond his years", Auer said the experience is meant to enlighten and create a holistic process for attendees. He said he met law
enforcement officers from all over the world who he shared experiences with and learned from. The course also he said.
The FBI National Academy began in 1935 and was created in response to a 1930 study by the Wickersham Com-
mission recommending the standard mission recommending the standard-
ization and professionalizing of law enforcement departments across the United States th
ralized training.

Broward Elected Officials Honor Rep. Osceola


City of Lauderhill Commissioner and Deputy Vice Mayor Hayward Benson, left, with Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. at the fifth annual Broward Black Elected Officials Gala held at the Hard Rock Live on Feb. 28. Rep. Osceola was among several
award recipients and was offered a community award for service in the Tribe and his endeavors in the community and beyond. The theme for the event was Our Legacy.

President Bowers Gathers Tribal Members Together for Dinner


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Seniors Celebrate Feb. Birthdays


Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., left, hosts the February Birthdays celebration at Seminole Hard Rock's Council Oak restaurant.


Trail Liaison William Osceola, left, poses with Tribal senio Joann Micco at the February
Birthdays celebration at the Birthdays celebration at the
Council Oak restaurant at the Seminole Hard Rock. Both cel ebrated their birthdays at the
event. event.

Tribal senior Judy-Bill Osceola proudly shows off her personalized, custom-made Seminole Tribe me-
dallion as one of several gifts she daliion as one of several gifts she
received at the February Birthdays celebration. Eight other Tribal seniors were recognized at the event
and more than 30 seniors attended.



Lorraine Posada, left, and Linda Beletso greets


Everett Osceola, left, and Alligator Wrestler Billy Walker shared examples of Semin culture with the tourists in the same manner as their ancestors, who are depicted in the postcard exhibition.


Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Director Anne McCudden oversees the Postards and Perceptions Exhibit opening at the Museum.


During a storytelling session in the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Village, Everett Osceola shared four traditional stories from the Seminole culture.

## Postcards and Perceptions: Culture as Tourism Opens at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - The Ah-Tah-ThiKi Museum has opened its "Postcards and
Perceptions: Culture as Tourism" exhibit, depict Seminoles from as early as the 1890s. The exhibit gives visitors an opportu-
nity to view part of the museum's postcard collection and draw their own conclusions about them. The photographs were extreme-
ly popular with Florida tourists and avidly collected as souvenirs. However, critics
have questioned whether the tourists and postcards had a positive affect on the Tribe. evidenced many points of individuals have evidenced many points of view on this subject since the beginning of the era," Exhibits
Manager Greg Palumbo said. "It is important to remember that this came at a time of great social and economic development
in Florida as well as the entire country. The Seminoles had to adapt, while retaining the

The exhibit opened March 6 and is nial grounds to observe traditional arts demThe opening day's activities provided an included Seminole tacos. opportunity to view the exhibit in the main Storyterler Everett Osceola captivated
building and then progress to the ceremo- his audience with four traditional stories nial grounds and village for a glimpse of the from the Seminole culture, including the Seminole lifestyle that initially drew the at- mysteries of the animal kingdom and its cortention of the tourist trade and inspired the relation with mankind.
postcard industry. Entering the ceremonial grounds in his remain ineminoles at the time strived to long shirt and turban, Billy Walker shared while interacting with the social adjustments information about an alligator's habitat, diet taking place in their domain. Throughout the ing to his wrestling shirt, he gave a brief era of the tourist villages, this selection of background of alligator wrestling and used a the history of the time and economic chang- As pole to demonstrate the practice.
As Walker worked his alligator into Thesition, a member of the crowd said that The postcard images have been en- Walker appeared to have walked straight out larged and are attractively displayed in of one of the postcards in the exhibit.
groupings that correlate with their original site location. A great deal of research has cards were in circulation and are still held gone into identification of the characters, private collections," Museum Director Anne elements of their rich cultural history" content's history.

Rising Talents at Seminole Star Search Music Camp


Tribal citizens David Billy and Marsha Osceola sing a duet on stage as part of the first Seminole Star Search Music Camp held Feb. 20 at the Okalee Village on the Hollywood Reservation. The instructional event featured acts from many musical
genres. The next scheduled camp will be in May.
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 Big Cypress Board Rep．Paul Bowers，Josh Jumper，Cicero Osceola，Mary Jene Koenes and Joe Osceola Sr．were among several Tribal cattle owners who took part in this annual event．The cattle vaccination usually take place less than three months after the bull distributions，which were held Dec． 28 ．

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## Seminole Moments Presentation Focuses on Postcards

## BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS－Everett Osceola looked on in－ tently as a PowerPoint presentation scrolled through vintage 20th century postcards depicting Tribal alligato wrestlers，trading posts，and other pieces of Seminole
history． Then Osceola saw a postcard of two Seminole cow the men－they were his grandfathers，Frank Shore and Harjoe Osceola．He couldn＇t help lamenting how pho tographers used such images to commercialize the Tribe．
＂It＇s kind of like a double－edged sword，＂Osceola said．＂That＇s our history．We see pictures of our ances said．＂That＇s our history．We see pictures of our ances－
tors being sold everywhere．There were a lot of private collectors out there who made a lot of money off of us．＂ Osceola，31，was one of several dozen people who attended the Feb． 17 Seminole Moments presentation at the Big Cypress Community Center．The Ah－Tah
Thi－Ki Museum hosts such presentations each month Thi－Ki Museum hosts such presentations each month
to educate Tribal members about Seminole history and tolture．The PowerPoint Osceola and others viewed fea－ tured postcards with photos that non－Tribal members took of the Seminoles decades ago．
Osceola said many Tribal members did not learn
about the postcards until the 1970 s and that photogra about the postcards until the 1970s and that photogra－
＂From what I was told from my aunts and uncles， outsiders always took photos of them，＂Osceola said in a
bittersweet tone as he remembered seeing lots of Semi－ nole postcards while growing up in Hollywood．＂They were put on postcards when they came up but were not notified of it． The Seminoles had little contact with outsiders for
much of the mid－19th century．After the Third Seminole War，the only way of contact for the Tribe was through a chain of trading posts． The most well－known examples，as told by Ah－ Tah－Thi－Ki Museum research coordinator Jonathan Mc－ Frank Stranahan and Ted Smay non－Native Americans as Charlie Tigertail and Charlie Willie also ran trad－ ing posts．McMahon said the two Tribal businessmen bought from other Seminoles and sold directly to mar－ kets．In
In 1890，just three years before the World Colum－ bian Exposition，picture postcards surged in popularity
in America．At the time，tourists began visiting South in America．At the time，tourists began visiting South
Florida and the local American Indian population was an attraction for them．
Some of the postcards are on display at the＂Post－ ards and Perceptions：Culture as Tourism＂exhibit at the museum．The exhibit runs through January 2011.
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bitions，at $863-902-1113$ ext． 12227 ．


## Billie Swamp Safari

 Celebrates 12th Annual Flute Retreat $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$BIG CYPRESS - A flute is not just an instrumen for Sonny Nevaquaya - it's a door to serenity and inner peace. "When I was playing the flute, it reminded me o a peaceful Sunday morning, with the birds chirping," Nevaquaya said. "You' re surrounded by beautiful, won-
derful people at Big Cypress and it reminds you of how a flute can spread love through music," Sonny spoke as the organizer of the 12th annual Flute Retreat, which took place at Billie Swamp Safari Feb. 18 through 21. Native Americans nationwide learned how to make flutes and immersed into another
form of art: beadwork.
Debi Lowe, a Native American from the Turtle
Clan of the Onondaga Nation in Syracuse, N.Y., said Clan of the Onondaga Nation in Syracuse, N.Y., said Participants used buckskin, cones, cut beads and seed beads to make their craft. One of the most com-
mon forms of beading at the Flute Retreat was that of mon forms of beading
the Native American flag
"There are many symbolic meanings to our Native of war, of creation, of life or simply of aesthetic value. And to me, beading isn't a craft. It's a form of artwork, like painting, sculpting and carving. manche Tribe in Apache, Okla., said the Native Amer can flute represents a calming quality that would invoke peace on an individual.
Hollywood Tribal citizen Darren Osceola, who owns a cedar flute, spent the weekend focusing solely on his beadwork. To accessorize his flute, Osceola too
the time to make a Kokopelli with a leather fringe the time to make a Kokopedied the art of beadwork the ultimate test of patience.
"You're using very thin needles, glass beads and a lot of different delicate tools," Osceola said. "It's easy to misplace one bead, so if you mess up, you have to go back to where you missed it." knows exactly which Native American individual or tribe created the Native American flute, they do know it almost became a totally lost art.
That was until 1969, when the North American
flute's interest began to emerge. flute's interest began to emerge.
Sonny Nevaquaya said he recently traveled to Sonny Nevaquaya said he recently traveled to
ashington and conducted an extensive research of the


From left: Hollywood Tribal citiFrom left: Hollywood Tribal citi-
zens Deanna Motlow and Darren Osceola, along with Wilderna
Moffer of Norman, Okla., finish Moffer of Norman, Okla., finish
beadwork decoration for their beadwo
flutes.

Hollywood fibal citizen Tristen Wilcox, 13, sands down his Native 21. out through the Native American archives that the federal government has stored an artifacts collection of the flute's influence in Native American history. ent tribes that our people may never get to see in their lifetimes," Sonny Nevaquava said.
The Flute Retreat, which began in 1998, is organized each year at Billie Swamp Safari. Native Amer can Tribes from New York, Alaska and Oklahoma joined the Seminole Tribe of Florida in presenting this
"The beauty of the North American flute is that we share it with everyone, no matter what race you are," [Tim] Nevaquaya said. "It was a gift from the great spirit, who's called by many names. God has made our
fute retreat possible."



From left, Traditional Osceola, Samantha Veliz, Allegra Veliz, Ma-
rissa Osceola, Lola Veliz rissa Osceola, Lola Veliz
and Kennedy Huggins and Kennedy Huggins
joined other members of the Naples Community in creating tradi-
tional crafts through tional crafts through
their culture program to their culture program to
help fund their projects. New Arts and Crafts Programs: A Cultural Marathon for Naples

## BY JUDY WEEKS

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NAPLES - Jessica Osceola has set up a traditional arts and crafts program at the Juanita Osceola Center in Naples to help keep the Seminole pass it on to future Tribal generations. Center sets aside time for beading improvement days, holiday arts and crafts, learning and perfecting patch

ory and language arts.
"For thousands of years traditional arts and crafts have been passed from generation to generation by word of mouth and example," said Osceola, a traditional arts
specialist. "The culture and oral history of the Seminole people have always followed this route while building upon personal experiences and individual creativity. With this thought in mind, I have mapped a course to how the initiative of our ancestors. The response has been very favorable. Elders are
returning to their sewing machines and bringing forth articles of clothing and styles from their personal collections. Adults are reapplying their talents or learning for the first time, and children are spending quality time with their parents and community members while learning about themselves and their heritage.
The arts program draws a daily group that The arts program draws a daily group that ing their after-school tutoring. The center also has organized special events such as a patchwork marathon and a movie night with a potluck dinner that lasted from and drew eople of all ages.
The artisans come in many age groups and
tages of accomplishment, and the result is a wide variety of marketable crafts to fit nearly everyone's budget. Participants have been able to market their items at the American Indian Arts CelThere has been no shortage of volunteers to man the booths and the proceeds are being used to man ue booths and
acquire more supplies for the program.
"Creating family sessions, our youngsters are learning at their parents, grandparents and elders side while developing a sense of community," Sisters Marissa Osceola, left, and Karie Osceola-Lugo share a laugh during a late-night patchwork marathon at the Juanita Osceola Cen during a late-night patchwork marathon at the Juanita Osceola Cen Osceola said. "Similar to the old fashioned camp as well." our meetings have become social events

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## Students Kick Off FCAT Testing with Pep Rally

## $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - Students at the Pemayet Emahakv Charter School were prepped, prac-
ticed and cheered on as they began Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test testing recent

Teachers held an FCAT pep rally March 7 in the cafeteria to pump up the students before the big day. The cafeteria was decorated chairs and towels.
"Everyone feels the pressure, the teachers and the students," guidance counselor Jeanin Gran said. "We just wanted to do something
lighthearted and get them enthusiastic rather Sunshine State Standards benchmarks than just focus on the test aspect.
skits that included students, teachers put on scripted to include FCAT strategies related topics. The kindergarten students cheered vised rendition of YMCA using the FCAT let${ }^{\text {ters. }}$ FCAT is FCAT is a statewide comprehensive test 11. The exam measures students' performance in writing, science, reading and mathematics FCAT is part of Florida's overall plan to increase student achievement by implementing high standards to ensure students are meeting the

FCAT testing ran from March 9 through 18 In the months leading up to the test dates, students were given practice tests and participated in FCAT Explorer, an online test-taking the students.
Added incentives for the students included pencils and bracelets with positive sayings to get them motivated. Some teachers have even offered achievement awards such as candy bars
and Visa gift cards to students who score a high of 5 on specific test sections. "We have just really tried sure," Gran said.


Teachers Mrs. Hudson, left, and Mrs. Bond go Jamaican and serenade the kids to "Dont' Worry Be Happy"" inserting FCAT strategies itit the vyics.


Ahfachkee School Celebrates Reading Achievements

BY NAII TOBIAS
Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Three classrooms at the Ahfachkee School Withognized recently for achievements in reading. Wonitoring, significant learning gains were made at the kindergarten, first- and second-grade levels. The grade levels were tested on the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment, which evaluates phonics, phonemic awareness, vocab ulary, comprehension and fluency.

The number of students from Ahfachkee's kindergarten through reading proficiency dropped from 22 percent at the beginning or the 2009-2010 school year to 5 percent at the midway point. ers "The students have been working really hard with our teach ers," Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swan said. "The teachers have been using the progress monitoring tool,"
school and it's helped our kids tremendously,"
school and its helped our kids tremendously."
When the gains are made, students in that particular grade leve are no longer classified as being a high risk for achieving reading proficiency. Once students are off the high risk list, teachers continue to work closely with them to make sure they stay either at or above grade level.

The achievements are tracked through test scores, Swan said. Swan said. "We can track that all the way up to the sixth grade right now." The three Ahfachkee staff members who made gains were kindergarten teacher Statira Huckabee, first-grade teacher Lindsey
Paige and second-grade teacher Yvonne C Paige and secondite which teachers' ability to steer their Tribal students above the third-tier reading level. It is all part of the school's Tier Reading Program. "With the grade-level reading achievements, these teachers are celebrating something that hopefully all of us will next year," Swan said. said.


Ahfachkee ESE Coordinator Jillian Francis pushes a cart of gifts to honor the classes, teachers, and aides who work with the Tier program.


Big and Small Learn How to Stay in Shape at Get Fit Day


Aubrey Cypress is all smiles inside the bounce roll, one of many activities for preschoolers, parents and instructors at the monthly
Get Fit Day on the Hollywood Reservation softball fields Feb. 19 The event featured food, music and several fitness stations, all with a focus on early health and fitness. Flags were also given out to the participants.


Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students of the Week

## Kindergarten

Mrs. Duncan - Tammy Martinez Mrs. Pearce - Kalyn Hammil
Mrs. Webber - Tatiana Torres

First Grade
First Grade
Mrs. Davis - Ruby Osceola
Mrs. Johns - Jagger Gaucin Mrs. Ringstaff - Davin Carrillo
Second Grade
Mrs. Ball - Kaleb Doctor Mrs. Clements - Savannah Fish

Third Grade
Mrs. Pryor -Mariah Smith Mrs. Williams - Billy Yates

Fourth Grade
Mrs. Paige - Brian Bishop
Fifth Grade
Mrs. Dobbs - Demetrius Clark Mrs. Finney - Martina Herrera
Sixth Grade
Mrs. Hudson - Michael Garcia Mrs. Wells - Jayce Smith

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Mrs. Bond - Logan Ortiz


Tribe Welcomes
Library Program
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The Tribe welcomes its newes
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in January and will assist Big in January and will assist Big
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gram Manager Barbara Oeffner wram Manager Barbara Oeffner with carrying out administrative
duties, grant approvals, library promotion and other responsi-
bilities.


Tribal Youth Recognized
for Academic Achievement

Eighth grader McKayla Snow of Yearling Middle School receives a certificate of excellence from Okeechobee Superintendent Patricia Cooper for her achievements in the Okeechobee County and Regional Science Fair. Snow was one of several Okeechobee students
honored for recent sports and academic achievements during the March 9 Okeechobee School Board meeting at the local Schoo Board Office. Kirsten Doney was also recognized for her science fair achievements but was not present to receive her award.

Big Cypress Library Encourages Youth to Read

rom left, employee Noella Dyan O'Donnell, and Library Director Barbara Oeffner engage in on Feb. 23 at the Big Cypress Library cine" by Louise Erdrich. The purpose of the monthly Tribal adult reading series,
according to $0^{\prime}$ Donnell, is to set a posiaccording to dive example for the Tribal youth. "If our children see us read, then they'll do the same," O'Donnell said.

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Tribal Youth Learn Importance of Giving Back

## BY RACHEL BUXTON

 Staff ReporterBRIGHTON - The Seminole Tribe of Florida continues to aid in the Haiti relie taking a stand.
Pemayetv Emahakv participated in the national campaign Buckets of Hope where five-gallon buckets were packed to the brim
with nonperishable items to be shipped to Haiti.
-I feel it's important for our children to know the importance of giving to others that may be in need," Principal Russell Brown
said. said.
Students were assigned to bring in item such as rice, cooking oil, black beans, flour sugar, spaghetti noodles and peanut butter

In addition to the items packed in the bucket, on top of each lid was an envelope enclosed ing the relief buckets to Haiti. Buckets of Hope is a national campaign hat was organized by the Southern Baptist Convention North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist disaster relief groups and Pemayetv Emahakv filled roughly 15 buckets that were delivered to a Buckets of Hope centralized location to be picked up by Florida disaster relief teams and then taken "As news continues to emerge of the devastation in Haiti our hearts and thoughts are with all of those who have been impa
ed by this terrible tragedy," Brown said.

Pemayety En
campaign.

## Second Annual Florida Native American Recovery Convention

## BY ERIC BRICKER

Family Services
CLEWISTON
The Seminoles in Recovery group kicked of its second annual Florida Native Amer Auditorium in Clewiston. More than 160 recovering individuals participated in the four-day convention, which featured 12-step support group speaker meetings Alanon. In addition, there were cultural welliness activities such as a sweat lodge and talking circle. The convention planners were pleased with the growth of the convention, which drew about a third more participants than last year's inaugural event. The convention was open to the recoverig individuals in
the general public Attendee registration fees and tions helped to pay for the event. Several recovering Tribal citizens attend outside
12-step meetings off of their reservations and network 12-step meetings off of their reservations and network with non-Tribal recovering people who support them
in their sobriety. Many non-Tribal participants attended in their sobriety. Many non-Tribal participants attended
the convention to support one or more of the eight Semthe convention to support one or more of the eight Sem-
inole presenters who were featured speakers at the convention. Each of these speakers was required to have at
least one year of sobriety. "We were never able to do something like this in the past because our Tribe didn't have enough recover-
ing people with significant time in sobriety to qualify to ing people with significant time in sobriety to qualify to
be convention speakers," said Helene Buster, one of the be convention speakers," said Helene Buster, one of the
founding members of Seminoles in Recovery. "Now, we have several people with a year or more.' Many of those in attendance at the convention were Tribal citizens, some of whom had attended the convention the previous year. The number of recovering Tribal
citizens in attendance highlighted the increase in the Tribe's recovering individuals and demonstrated how many Tribal citizens are turning away from drugs and alcohol, and moving toward sobriety.
During Saturday night's recovery countdown, it was noted that the accumulated time in sobriety of all
of those in attendance at the conference was 1165 years, three months and seven days. Several Tribal citizens in attendance contributed significantly to this number. At Sunday morning's closing meeting, Seminole and Board President Richard Chan Mitchell Cypress spoke in suppesident Richard Bowers Jr. addressed those in attendance for their commitment to living a better lifestyle in sobriety.

## Seminole Fire Rescue visits Ahfachkee School's Eighth Graders



Seminole Fire Rescue Inspector Bruce Britton conducts a presentation on poison prevention to Ahfachkee School's eighth graders on Feb. 16. Britton advised the Tribal students on how to avoid dangerous objects,
such as poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac.
 From left, Ray, Lyle, Herbert and Nathaniel enjoy the fellowship
vention on March 4 at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston.


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## Pemayetv Emahakv Starts Honor Society

## by rachel buxton

 Staff Reporter honored for their acanteen student ments as they were inducted into the Pema etv Emahakv Charter School's first-ever Na tional Elementary Honor Society.National Honor Society is one of the na
tion's premier organizations that recognize the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Pemayetv Emahakv modified the organization to include the selected elementary students. old plaque commemorating their academic achievement during the event, which was held Feb. 23 in the Charter School cafeteria and included a dinner for parents and guest
vited, aunts and uncles came," guidance counselor Jeanine Gran said. "It was just very, very nice."

National Elementary Honor ety pledge and spoke individuety pledge and spooe individu-
ally about the responsibilities it

| takes to be a member. |
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| All students inducted into the National $\begin{array}{l}\text { Students inducted into Pemayetv Ema- } \\ \text { hakv's National Elementary Honor Society }\end{array}$ | Elementary Honor Society must be nomi- hakv's National Elementary Honor Society $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Elementary Honor Society must be nomi- } & \text { include: Bethany Billie, Andrew Dobbs, } \\ \text { nated by a teacher and maintain a } 3.0 \text { GPA. } & \text { Erik Garcia, Sean Osceola, Diamond Shore }\end{array}$ "We want them to be good role models," Gran said. "We don't just want them to provide service in the school but we want them to be well rounded good students within their community," Gran said that the school will induct




Immokalee Tribal seniors Rachel Billie, left, and Elizabeth Tiger, right, along with Immo-
kalee Recreation Aide Zakir Seymour, listen to a presentation on firearm safety Feb. 16.

## Immokalee Seniors Receive Tips on Firearm Safety

## BY NAII TOBIAS <br> Staff Reporter

immokalee - Several Tribal se niors learned about the dangers of mishandling and improperly storing firearms during a recent Seminole Police Departmen firearm safety presentation

SPD officer Michelle Daza advised the seniors during the Feb. 16 presentation to
make sure that they're aware of their sur roundings, especially when it comes to children and firearms.
"When your child leaves your site, you want your kid to know what to do in regards o firearm safety," Daza said
of firearms is the thir misuse and abuse of firearms is the third leading cause
of death in the United States after cancer and drunk driving. In addition, more than 30,000 people died in the U.S. a few year ago due to firearms.

Daza said children today are often exposed to video games and television shows
that feature firearms, which may influence them to grab a gun. She also said BB guns, pellet guns and air rifles can be dangerous if misused.

When you're buying those kinds of video games for your kids, explain to them that the firearms are not real," Daza said. "In addition, if your kids see a realistic-looking
firearm in real life, tell them not to play with

Daza said it's a good idea to store a firearmit in either a lock box or safe and to separate ammunition from the gun. A trig-
ger lock can also provide peace of mind. Daza gave a harrowing account of how 2 -year-old boy in Gilchrist County toddleraccidently shot himself in October last year, making national headlines. It was likeplay with and not knowing it was a loaded gun, she said. Daza said.
Daza also spoke with the seniors about the importance of avoiding violent confron-
tations with people, which she describes as tations with people, which she describes as
a defensive tactic. It's better to walk away from a potentially dangerous situation than to fight someone, Daza said. Such confronations can lead to deadly consequences. "You never know the extremity of how your child is in a situation like that tell them your chll 911 and teach them how to practice gun safety."
SPD gave the seniors gun locks and gun safety brochures at the end of the presentaion. But before Daza finished, she offered er audience a last piece of advice. se will," she said. "They pick up on things and remember it pretty quickly. Remember, you have a lot of influence of your kids.


SPD Officer Michelle Daza (right) educates the Immokalee Tribal seniors about gun safety precautions during the Feb. 16 firearm safety presentation, hosted by both SPD and Seminole Fire Rescue.


Immokalee Tribal senior Ruth Osceo-
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Hollywood Youth Winter Culture Camp


Aaron Osceola has fun on a cardboard sled at the Hollywood Youth Winter Culture Camp at RC North's residence in Idaho.


Anissa Osceola inside an Eskimo-style igloo created by the participating youth at the camp.

##  Health



Team Seminole Walks for a Cause

BY RACHEL BUXTON

OKEECHOBEE Tribal citizens, employees and friends gathered to represent Team Seminole in th Okeechobee March of Dimes March for Ba-
bies walk, which raised more than $\$ 35,000$ bies walk, which raised more than $\$ 35,000$,
The March 6 walk is one of the nation, oldest and biggest charity walks, with more than one million participants in 900 -plus communities around the United States. The walk benefits the March of Dimes foundation, which raises money to support pro-
grams in local communities to help mothers have healthy, full-term pregnancies. The have healthy, full-term pregnancies. The
money raised also goes toward research to find answers to multiple problems that could threaten babies.
"In the past, "In the past, when we didn't have the
money, we had other agencies to help us money, we had other agencies to help us
with our special needs children," Seminole wribe Director of Health Connie Whidden said. "So now we feel like we should give
back to the communities" back to the communities."

Team Seminole was the leading fund raising team, helping Okeechobee reach its
monetary goal. monetary goal.
"We are a s
munity and we have the resources to help people and I think it is all about giving back whenever you're able to," Tribal member
Emma Johns said. "And it's about teachEmma Johns said. "And it's about teach-
ing our own Tribal members how to stay ing our own Tribal members how to stay
healthy." March of Dimes walk was one
The of the designated walks for the Pathways Walking program sponsored by the Seminole Tribe's Health Department. Pathways
encourages Tribal members to live a healthencourages Tribal members to live a health-
ier lifestyle.
Pathways coordinator Edna McDuffie said she was pleased with the turnout for the March of Dimes walk, with many newcomers participating and taking the first step in
bettering their health bettering their health.
Tribal members to come out and walk," McDuffie said.,"I love it when I see a new face come out."


Martha Jones, right, keeps a steady pace with Seminole Tribe Recreation Department trainer Kai Setty.


Suraiya Smith, right, sets a healthy example for her children, Kamani, center, and Chaka (in stroller).


Tribal citizen Joe $\mathbf{P}$. Tribal citizen Joe P.
Billie ri, right, sits
in the lobby of the in the lobby of the
Health Department Health Department
clinic on the Hol-
lywood Reservation lywood Reservation
with his caretaker.

Health Department Maintains Pulse of Tribe


## Tribal Citizens Learn About Heart Health

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Seminole Wellness Health Educator Lance Vaz prepared vegetable omelets for Tribal members as nutritionist Jillian Guralski conducted a presentation on heart health during the Big Cypress
Wellness Department's monthly Diabetic Day at the Wellness Department's monthly Diabetic Day at the
Seminole Health Clinic.
SPD Officer and Tribal citizen Allen Colon participated in the event for the first time. He said everyone in his family suffers from diabetes, which can cause heart
disease. Colon said his brother, Vincent Jimmie, a Trail disease. Colon said his brother, Vincent Jimmie, a Trail
Seminole, was diagnosed with diabetes and high blood Seminole, was diagnosed with diabetes and high blood
pressure about 20 years ago. pressure about 20 years ago.
"Health wise he's been pretty good," Colon said of month
his $\begin{aligned} & \text { trolling his diabetes. He does a really good job at con- For more information, call the Big Cypress Well- }\end{aligned}$


Wellness Nutritionist Jillian Guralski and SPD Officer Allen Colon talk about
men for a importan
ressure anymore.
The vegetable omelets served at the event con ained zucchini, red bell pepper strips, low-fat shredded cheese, no-stick cooking spray and broccoli florets. The
breakfast dish, which has Vitamin A, Vitamin C and cal cium, contains just 124 calories, three grams of fat and milligrams of cholesterol.
ment of fruits and juices for breakfast
"It's really rewarding to see our Tribal citizens take n interest in their health," Vaz said. "It's important for them to take control of their own lives and make healthy decisions." The Big Cypress Reservation's Wellness Departonth.


Tibal senior Patsy Billie is served a vegetable omelet as Wellness Health Educator Lance Vaz
makes sure she's satisfied with her assortment nakes sure she's satisfied with her assortment


Tribal senior Mable Jim signs up for the
monthly Diabetic monthly Diabetic
Day event on Feb.

Immokalee Preschool Supports MDA Hop-A-Thon


Freelance Report

Fredrico "P.J." Rodriguez completed 569 hops in the Immokalee Preschool Hop-A-Thon to benef (

## Results

BOYS:
Brandon Posada 221
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J. C. Dimas 603
Fredrico "P.J." Rod
J. R. Arteaga 404

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Seminole Health Department Raises Awareness with Free Health Screening


Billie Micco, a member of the Seminole Pathways Walking program, gets his blood sugar level checked at a health screening sponsored by the Seminole Health Department at the Brighton Field Office Feb. 23. The event offered weight, blood sugar
blood pressure and tobacco screenings to raise health awareness within the Tribal community, Participants also enjoyed blood pressure and tobacco screenings to raise health awareness within the Tribal community. Participants also enjoye
raffles and a cooking demonstration.

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Mosquitoes cause more human suffering than any other or- indispensable in mosquito breeding preventio
ganism - more than one million people die from mosquito-borne
diseases every year. Not only can mosquitoes carry diseases that afflict humans, they also transmit several diseases and parasites that dogs and horses are very susceptible to. These include dog heartworm, West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis. In
addition, mosquito bites can cause severe skin irritation through addition, mosquito bites can cause severe skin irritation through
an allergic reaction to the mosquitoes' saliva - this is what causes the red bump and itching.

As mosquito season approaches, the Seminole Health Department's Environmental Health Program would like the Tribal members' help in preventing the spread of mosquito-borne vi-
ruses by surveying their own yard for mosquito breeding sources You can help control mosquitoes by simply removing stagnant water. Some common backyard breeding sources are neglected swimming pool, ornamental pond, open boat, birdbath, gutter garden, tarps, tires, leaky watering equipment, clogged rain guter, and anything that will hold water for more than a few days. ter garden are encouraged to use mosquito fish as a preventative measure against mosquito breeding. The use of mosquito fish is a natural way of controlling mosquito larvae without the use of
insecticides or chemicals. An adult mosquito fish can consum

Residents are asked to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by
eliminatig water source around their yards. iminating water sources around their yards

Do not ater to sit in old tires, flower pots, trash, Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain water frompol overs Stock garden ponds with goldfish or mosquito fish, they eat Empty and wash bird baths and wading pools every few days The following precautions will reduce a person's risk to all osquito-borne diseases. Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenev are outdoors Use insect repellent products with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children
you are bothered by mosquitoes, need assistance with eliminating breeding sources on or around you property, or if you would like general environment health information, please call
the Seminole Environment Health Program at 954-965-1300. Environmental Health Prog, RS

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## Fort Pierce Reservation Holds First Aid Certification Classes

## BY nall tobias Staff Reporter

FORT PIERCE - Obtaining a certification in first heading into this year.
As the president of the Fort Pierce Seminoles youth
football organization football organization and coach of the 140 -pound class his fellow coaches. So Tommie invited Jessie Allen, his fellow coaches. So Tommie invited Jessie Allen,
who coaches the 75 -pound class team, to a child/adult first aid and CPR training course at the Fort Pierce Best Western Hotel.
the Seminole Fire Rescue Department
Seminole Fire Rescue Department. Tommie and Allen learned how to apply first aid onstrate rescue actions.

Both practiced different procedures on how to save someone's life, including using compressions to resuscitate a person. "Compressions are really important to saving lives," Seminole Fire Rescue Captain. Willie Weeks
said. "It's about keeping a person circulated." said. "It's about keeping a person circulated.
Tommie and Allen also took note of the lergic reactions that occur with different individuals, including bee and wasp stings. Mild reactions to allergies
include sweating, itching, blotches, and runny eye include sweating, itching, blotches, and runny eyes. "As a coach, you need to know whether or not your players have special needs," Weeks said. "If someone
has a serious allergic reaction, you want to make sure
that person has what they need."
Weeks also told coachens to be wary of signs of heat-
stroke, a common risk during late stroke, a common risk during late spring and summer
outdoor activities such as football practices outdoor activities such as football practices. Symptoms
of a heatstroke include vomiting, confusion or not being able to drink fluids. Someone who suffers a heatstroke able to drink fluids. Someone who suffers a heatstroke
could die if he or she isn't tended to right way.
"Watch out for hot skin and sweating," Weeks said. "Watch out for hot skin and sweating," Weeks said.
"With heat exhaustion, you can cool the victim down "With heat exhaustion, you can cool the victim down
moderately. But with a heatstroke, that person needs to moderately. But with a heatstroke, that person needs
be cooled down quickly." be cooled down quickly."
Following a video presentation of all the possible
conditions individuals can encounter, Tommie and Allen completed the class and received their certifications



Alex Head Tommie taps
in preparation for the upcoming 2010 seaso
"Just the simple fact that you're taking charge is a lot for the child," Seminole Fire Rescue Firefighter
Steve Missett said. "A couple of minutes may ference between a life saved and a life lost." be the difThe Fort Pierce infant child and adult first aid courses were also held March 2 and 16 at the city's Best Western Hotel.

Fort Pierce Tribal citizen Alex Head Tommie, left, is listening
intently to Seminole intently to Seminole
Fire Rescue Capt. WilFire Rescue Capt. Wil-
lie Weeks as he gives a presentation on how
to properly use an AED device on March 8. The AED device is used to
revive someone if the heart is not operating

Seminole Fitness Dome Celebrates One-Year Anniversary, Gymnastics Students

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - The Seminole Fitness Dome recently had a celebration to Seminole Fitness trainer and gymnastics Director Gina Allardyce welcomed Tribal children of all ages to take
of the Fitness Dome's amenities. The program's Tribal youth gymnasts The program's Tribal youth gymnasts
have learned much of the fundamentals and art of gymnastics, including cartwheels, beam bars and trampolines, since the pro-
gram's inception approximately a year ago. gram's inception approximately a year ago. "We're really excited that all the kids
lardyce said. "The kids' skills are advanc- cause of the Fitness Dome."
ing very quickly. They're gaining strength,
discipline coordination, the past year, the Fitness Dome discipline, coordination, flexibility and self- has hosted a slew of numerous gymnastics esteem. The kids are building confidence." to and martial arts classes for the Tribal youth.
perform in front of crowds in the future." More than 100 Tribal children, includ- prove during the Fitness Dome's Spring ing the preschool group, the on March 5, the Break Gymnastics Camp scheduled for Tribal youth left with special one-year com- March 29 through April 2 in Big Cypress.
memorative Fitness Dome medals after the
In the near future, a Tribal gymnastics memorative Fitness Dome medals after the $\begin{array}{r}\text { In the near future, a Tribal gymnastics } \\ \text { open gym session March } 5 \text {. }\end{array}$ team will travel in competitions - a Fitness Maria Alvadora, a teacher at the pre- Dome first, according to Seminole Fitness chool for three years, said she noticed the trainer and gymnastics specialist Mike Igleimprovements in students' motor skills. "The kids have learned a lot with. that," he said. "Their arms and leg movement she said. "Their arms and leg movement kids being more healthy and active," Iglesias
s have strengthened over the past year. said. "'m very excited about what we're do-
They're well conditioned at their ages be- ing with them." They're sell conditioned at their ages be- ing with them."

Preschool teacher aide Laura Hernandez guides
9 -month-old David Joe on the balance beam.


Trail Seminole
Pathways
Program
Winds Down

Chawndra Billie of the Trail Reserva-
tion goes through her final check-in tion goes through her final check-in with Seminole Health Department
staff as a part of her participation in the six-month Seminole Pathways points program. The March 9 gathering provided information and liter-
ature on health and fitness, as well ature on health and fitness, as well
as lunch at the new Petties Osceola as lunch at the new Petties Osceola
Field House on the Trail Reservation.

## The Dangers of Cocaine Addiction

BY DR. TOM RYAN

Family Services Departme

Cocaine abuse and addiction continue to plague ou Nation. Today, about one in six Americans (15 percent
in 2007) has tried cocaine by the age of 30 , and 7 percent have tried it by their senior year of high school. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) estimates that in 2007 there were 2.1 million current (past month) cocaine users, of which approximately 610,000 were current crack users. Adults aged 18 to 25 years
have a higher rate of current cocaine use than have a higher rate of current cocaine use than any other
age group, with 1.7 percent of young adults reporting age group, with 1.7 percent of young adults reporting
past month cocaine use. Overall, men report higher rates of current cocaine use than women. In 2007, according to the NSDUH, nearly 1.6 million Americans met Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders crite-
ria for dependence or abuse of cocaine (in any form) in ria for dependence or abuse of cocaine (in any form) in
the past 12 months. Further, data from the 2005 Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) report showed that
cocaine was involved in 448,481 of the total $1,449,154$ visits to emergency departments for drug misuse or abuse. This translates to almost one in three drug misuse or abuse emergency department visits ( 31 percent) that
involved cocaine. The short ter
include constricted blood vessels; dilated of cocaine include constricted blood vessels; dilated pupis; and
increased temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure. Large amounts of cocaine may intensify the user's high but can also lead to bizarre, erratic, and violent behav-
ior. Some cocaine users report feelings of restlessness,
iritabirty, and anxiousness. Users mes twitches, or paranoia ence tremors, vertigo, muscle twitches, or paranoia.
There can also be severe medical complications associted with cocaine abuse. Some of the most frequent are thythm and heart attacks; neurological effects, including trokes, seizures, headaches, and even coma; and gastrointestinal complications, including abdominal pain and first use of rare instances, sudden death can occur on the elated deaths are often a result of cardiac arrest or seiures followed by respiratory arrest. Research has also evealed a potentially dangerous interaction between coaine and alcohol. In fact, this mixture is the most comdeath two drug combination that results in drug related rain starts to adapt, and the reward peathway beco the less sensitive to self. Tolerance may develop - this means that higher oses and/or more frequent use of cocaine is needed to register the same level of pleasure experienced during hich use. Users often take cocaine in binges, during y higher cocaine is used repeatedly and at increasingrestlessness, and paranoia. With increasing dosages or frequency of use, the risk of adverse psychological or physiological effects increases dramatically.
For more information on the dangers of cocaine, schedule a confidential meeting with a Family Services Counselor on your respective Reservation. National Institute on Drug
Sour


Preschooler Zechariah Stockton hangs on the
parallel bar during the Fitness Dome's one-year celebration on March 5.


# Sports 

## EIRA Junior Rodeo Commemorates Bill Osceola

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Experienced and novice "Bill" Osceola Junior Rodeo, many of them hoping "Bill" Osceola Junior Rodeo, many of them hoping
to work their way up to the adult competition. The Junior Eastern Indian Rodeo Association sponsored the March 6 event. Many of the EIRA contestants currently qualifying for the Indian Na tional Finals Rodeo got their beginning in the Junior Rodeo, announcer Moses Jumper Jr. said. The Indian National Finals Rodeo has added
Steer Riding to its fall lineup and youngsters hoping to make the grade entered this first-time coming to make the grade entered this first-time com-
petition. Twenty-one 3- to 6 -year-olds entered the mutton bustin' contest. With a 30 -second time limit for a qualified ride, the youthful riders grabbed a
handful of wool and hung on for as long as possible.

Justin Gopher Jr., who is following in his bull first buckle.
The rough stock took its toll on the riders, rearing, bucking, spinning, throwing their riders into the fence and stomping them into the ground as
contestants racked up their scores. With a 60 -point ride, Andre Jumper earned qualifying points. ride, Andre Jumper earned qualifying points.
Chute doggers and steer undecorators ho their skills in hopes of some day moving up to steer wrestling and calf roping.
Meanwhile, junior breakaw
Meanwhile, junior breakaway ropers turned in some scores that many adult ropers would envy.
Jumper had the rope on his steer in a mere 4.5 seconds with Tyler Tigertail and Brandon Ben tied for second place with 4.9 seconds.
With three age groups for barrel racers, the With three age groups for barrel racers, the
audience cheered the beginners on lead line, firsttime lone riders and skilled athletes in each division. Exercising good control of their mounts, the youngsters had few broken patterns and knocked
over barrels as they turned in some very competitive scores separated by fractions of a second. Championship buckles were awarded to the
first place winners in each category. first place winners in each category.
Born out of the cattle industry, a part of Seminole history a long time ago. While a part of Seminole history a long time ago. While
president of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, William "Bill" Osceola was instrumental in establishing the first Pow-Wow Rodeo and organizing a rodeo circuit for local competition.
"A strong advocate of education and sports,
Bill Osceola recognized the need to include the Bill Osceola recognized the need to include the
younger generation in the rodeo program," Jumper younger generation in the rodeo program,", Jumper
said. "Today's Junior Eastern Indian Rodeo Association works as a feeder system for the adult com-
petition." petition."

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Bill Osceola Memorial INFR Tour Rodeo

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The 2010 William "Bill" Osee American rodeo champions from all across North America to the Junior Cypress Entertainment Complex at the Big Cypress Reservation.
The local Eastern Indian Rodeo As contestants took home the championship buckles in contestants took home the championship buckles in
two categories and garnered 16 places in the final countdown for the two-day event, which took place March 5 and 6. The heat was on for the valuable scores that will help in the accumulation of points
to qualify for the Indian National Finals Rodeo to qualify for the Indian National F
Tour Rodeos next fall in Las Vegas. Tour Rodeos next fall in Las Vegas.
There were some new faces in the lineup, but most contestants had already begun competing two
weeks earlier at the Brighto Field Days Rodeo most contestants at the Brighton Field Days Rodeo.
weeks earlier
Fast steers, broken barriers, illegal catches, one-leg Fast steers, broken barriers, illegal catches, one-leg
penalties and missed time limits contributed to the penalties and missed time limits contrib
lost opportunities in the roping events. lost opportunities in the roping events.
One of the most outstanding performances was delivered by Kalgary Johns, 12 , who competed
against all adult riders in the barrels. The talented girl earned the championship buckle and took first place in the Short Go.
Naha Jumper went from a fourth place finish Naha Jumper went from a fourth place finish
in the Calf Roping Long Go to second place in the out both first place winners and brought home the Calf Roping Championship buckle. Traveling all the way from Navajo country,
John Salois won his second Bareback ChampionJohn Salois won his second Bareback Championship in two weeks. Salois took first in the Long Go
with Freddy WarBonnet hot on his heels. WarBonnet bested him by four points in the short round, but the average told the final tale with a mere one point margin.
Montana bull rider Greg Louis, who has be-
come a familiar name come a familiar name on the EIRA roster the past
several years, had a tough break in the Long Go but made up the difference on the final night with an made up the difference on the final inght with an
84 -point ride. With the highest score for the weekend, Louis added another Bull Riding Championship buckle to his collection.
This annual Pow-Wow
This annual Pow-Wow rodeo originated 39
years ago in Hollywood and is now sponsered by years ago in Hollywood and is now sponsored by
Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. The event is named for William "Bill" Osceola, a founding father of the Constitution of the Seminole Tribe of Florida who served as the Tribe's president for 15 years. He was instrumental in the organization
of the first Pow-Wow rodeo as a fundraiser to send of the first Pow-Wow rodeo as a fundraiser to se
representatives to Tallahassee and Washington.

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Hollywood Christian's Aria
semifinal win on Feb

## Hollywood Christian Completes Best Basketball Season Ever

Despite heartbreaking 51-48 loss to Rock (Gainesville) in Class 1A State Finals, Eagles look to score state title in 2011

BY NAII TOBIAS
LAKELAND - So close, but still so far away.
The thought has to run through the minds of Hollywood Christian Lady Eagles coaches Carlos Adam-
son and Marl Osceola. Their team steamrolled its way son and Marl Osceola. Their team steamrolled its way
to a school-best $28-4$ regular season record only to fall to a school-best 28 -4 regular season record only to fall
three points short against Rock (Gainesville) in the state Class 1A girls basketball championship game.
 Ariah Osceola ( $\mathbf{2 1}$ points, $\mathbf{3}$ rebounds, 2 assists) converts on
a lay-up in the second half of Hollywood Christian's $77-52$ win over Bradenton Christian in the Feb. 24 Class 1A state
semifinals. semifinals.

An emotional Hollywood Christian Eagles giris baskelban team shows grace after hoisting the Class 1 A state rumner plaque after the conclusion of the state championship game on Feb. 25.

After three consecutive trips
to the state Final Four, only one to the state Final Four, only one
thing matters now to Osceola, Adthing matters now to Osceola, Ad-
amson and the Lady Eagles - winning it all next year. "It's right there. You can taste it, but you can't get it. There was a lot of emotion and pain," Osceo-
la said. "We put in so much hard la said. "We put in so much hard
work and to be that close and come up short, we think about what we
could have done better. All the girls want to do now is come back
and work harder." and work harder."
cal season ended Feb. Christian's magical season ended Feb. 25 after a
travel call with just 1.8 seconds left in the title game. Down 5048 with just 16.5 seconds left, the the court with a chance to tie the game. After Hollywood Christian took 15 seconds off the clock, the Eagles' Lorena Spaulding converted a tough lay-up for a $50-50$
tie. At first glance, it appeared that Rock fouled Spaulding. Had the foul been called, she would have
had the chance to hit a free throw
 as a result, giving Hollywood Ch ida, cheers on their basketball heroes. win it. The referees instead called Spaulding for a trav
"I couldn't see the play when the ref called travel," Osceola said. "But he made the call, so we have to live plenty of chances, but the Rock is a great team and they
deserved to win?
eserved to win." (10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2
Ariah Osceola 3-pointers) hit a key baseline 3-point jumper with 19.2 seconds left in the game to pull Hollywood Christian That play sent the Hollywood Chri

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## freld heroes. enzy, igniting their hopes of hoisting the school's first

 Ber state championship.But it wasn't meant to be as Hollywood Christian, which faced a 13-2 deficit in the first quarter, couldn't overcome Rock's size. Rock, which finished its chamers who stood above six feet "It was speed against size," Marl Osceola said We entered the third quarter on an 11-0 run and got ight back into it", Once our team settled down, we got For most of the third quarter, it seemed as if Hol For most of the third quarter, it seemed as if Hollywood Christian was going to run away with the game.
Ariah Osceola hit an open 3-pointer, giving the Eagles a 30-29 lead - its first since a 2-0 lead to begin the con-
test. After Hollywood Christian jumped ahead 36-29 late in the third quarter, Rock mounted a $10-0$ run to re-
gain the lead at the end of the third quarter Rock never gain the lead at the end of the third quarter. Rock never
trailed again and won $51-48$. "The Rock is probably the biggest team in the state,
from Class 1A to 6 A ." Marl Osceola said. "They're from Class 1 A to 6 A, ," Marl Osceola said. "They're
strength is under the basket. If they're down under, it's strength is under the basket. If they're down under, it's
hard to stop them." hard to stop them." Collywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola
Holl Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Lakeland Center for the Florida High School Athletic
Association Class 1A Final Four Series on Feb. 24 and 25, said the Eagles should be proud of their season. Rep. Osceola Jr. said. "They're a young team and have Rep. Osceooa Jr. said "They re a young team and have
a lot of heart. I see them getting better and better next year. Even though they didn't win state, they're still Christian's chances of winning next year's Class 1 A title look good. The Eagles will be returning their entire lineup, including star junior guard Ariah Osceola and sophomore forward Maleah Isaac--
both Tribal citizens. Ariah Osceola recently earned Miami Herald First-Team All County honors for the second time in three years and South Florida Sun Sentinel First-Team All County honors for the third consecutive year. "I know what's going to happen," Marl Osceola said after being asked for his prediction for next season.
"Our only goal is to make a run again and bring home "Our only goal is to make a run
the state title to Broward County.

## RODEO

## Big Cypress Rodeo Hosts Breakaway and Team Roping Sessions

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Six Tribal women gath ered around the Junior Cypress Rodeo Grounds prepare for the 2010 rodeo seasoping as they When it was all said and done, Pauletta Bowers came out on top, as she was the only female roper to succeed in all three of her rop
ing attempts. It took Bowers 2.69 seconds ing attempts. It took Bowers 2.69 seconds te
rope her calf in the first attempt, while the later successful tries improved significantly at 2.46 and 2.12 seconds, respectively. Trina Bowers and Yolanda Nez, who fin-
ished second and third, successfully converted ished second and third, successfully converted on two of three attempts.
 C.J. Clendon, 3. Pauletta
Bowers/Rawley Ben


Ahnie Jumper, the youngest Tribal female contestant at 10
years old, takes an aim at a calf during her third attempt in years oid, takes an aim at a cat
the breakaway roping function

Mindy Fish makes the most
roping challenge on Feb. 27.


From left: Pauletta Bowers and C.I. Clendon, who formed a winning team, successfully catch a steer in the short round of the team roping competition.


With a handful of wool, Jaytron Baker fights for precious seconds in the Mutton Bustin' competition
EIRA Junior Rodeo Commemorates Bill Osceola


Brandon Ben's 20.37-second run in the 4-to 8-year old Barrel Race earned the Championship buckle.

RESULTS OF THE BILL OSCEOLA MEMORIAL JUNIOR EIRA RODEO
INFR Steer Riding: 1. Andre Jumper
Mutton Bustin': 1 .
Jarrett Beecham
Pony Riding: 1. Jobe Johns, 2. Mark Holmes
Calf Riding: 1 . Francisco Rodrigues, 2. Mark. Holmes, 3
Myron Billie.
Steer Riding: 1. Frank Huff, 2. Tripp Edgar
Junior Bull Riding: 1. Josh Johns, 2. Ernie Courson, 3. Wil-
liam Bearden.
Chute Dogging: 1. Josh Johns, 2. Tyler Tigertail. 4 to 8 Barrel Racing: 1. Brandon Ben, 2. Savannah Fish 9 to 12 Barrel Racing: 1. Harley Maggard, 2. Kalgary Johns, 3. Ahnie Jumpe
3 to 17 Barrel Racing: 1. Reagan Tigertail, 2. Nauthkee Junior Breakaway: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. (Tie) Tyler Tigertai and Brandon Ben Junior Steer Undecorating: 1. Kelton Smedley, 2. Jobe
Johns, 3. Blevyns Jumper.


Mark Holmes works to free his hand before dismounting in the Pony Riding event at the Junior Bill Osceola Memorial
Rodeo.


Bill Osceola Memorial INFR Tour Rodeo


Kevin Longbrake earned 63 points for second place in Preston Williams won the Bill Osceola Memorial Championship buckthe Saddle Broncs during the Bill Osceola Memorial le in the Calf Roping event.
Rodeo Short Go.


From left, Brighton cowboys, Justin Gopher and Hilliard Gopher picked up doubles in the Team Roping Short Go at the Bill

RESULTS OF BILL OSCEOLA MEMORIAL "LONG GO" RODEO ON MARCH 5, 2010

Bareback: 1. John Salois, 2. Freddy WarBonnet Steer Wrestling: 1. Ivan Bruised Head, 2. Ed Holyan, Quinn Campbell Saddle Bronc: 1. T.0. Yazzie, 2. Tate Longbrake Calf Roping: 1. Kyle Dean Dennison, 2. Brooks Dahozy, 3.
Happy Jumper. Happy Jumper
Women's Breakaway: 1. Yolanda Nez, 2. Lizzie Dixey, 3. Ayze Jo Henry.
Team Roping:
Team Roping: 1. Terry Fischer and Terry Koka, 2. Brooks Dahozy and Preston Williams, 3. Leanna Billie and Ivan Dahozy and Pre
BruisedHead.
Barrels: 1. Leanna Billie, 2. Ayze Jo Henry, 3. Loretta Peterson.
Bull Riding Riding: 1. Dakota Louis, 2. Koty Brugh.

RESULTS OF BILL OSCEOLA MEMORIAL "SHORT GO" RODEO ON MARCH 6, 2010

Bareback: 1. Freddy WarBonnet, 2. John Salois, 3. Bill Steer Wrestling: 1. Kyle Running Rabbit, 2. Naha Jumper,

Saddle Bronc: 1. Tate Longbrake, 2. Kevin Longbrake. Saddle Bronc: 1. Tate Longbrake, 2. Kevin Longbrake.
Calf Roping: 1. Kee Etsitty, 2. Terry Fischer, 3. William
Wreston's Breakaway: 1. Yolanda Nez, 2. Lizzie Dixey, 3 Mindy Fish.
Team Roping: 1. Ty St. Goddard and Preston Williams, 2 3. Justin Gopher and Hilliard Gopher

Barrels: 1. Kalgary Johns, 2. Scooter Johns, 3. Loretta
Peterson.
Bull Riding: 1. Greg Louis, 2. Jay Garza.
2010 BILL OSCEOLA MEMORIAL INFR TOUR RODEO CHAMPIONS

Bareback: John Salois
Steer Wrestling: Naha Jumper
saddle Bronc: Tate Longbrak
Calf Roping: Preston Williams
Nomen's Breakaway: Yolanda Nez
eam Roping. Ty J. Goddard and Preston Williams
Bull Riding: Greg Louis

## Pemayetv Emahakv Honors Athletes

The Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School honored its first group of athletes Feb. 23 at a sports banquet held in the school cafeteria. Members of the girls volleyball, girls basketball and boys basketball teams all received
plaques with team pictures commemorating the school's first year of adding athletics. plaques with team pictures commemorating the school's first year of adding athletics.
Teams competed against surrounding schools with players ranging from sixth to eighth grade. Despite the stiff competition, Pemayetv Emahakv had little difficulty snagging a win in its first year. - Rachel Buxton


Girls Volleyball Team
Coach: Pam Matthews Coach: Pam Má
Rumor Juarez Kailin Brown Chastity Harm Tamea Allen Lindsey Sampson Keyana Nelson Melany Williams Kalgary Johns
Brydgett Koontz Brydgett Koo
Tyra Baker


March Madness


Team Big Cypress' Deforest Carter (No. 11, center) tries to beat three Team Hollywood defenders for a rebound durin the March Madness Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 6 at the Hollywood Gymnasium. Big Cypress defeated Hollywood 56-53.


Tribal citizen Leon Wilcox rolls a ball toward a waiting kicker during the Tribal Fair Kickball Tournament on Saturday, March


Billy Walker gives the campers a storytelling account about the significance of clans within the Seminole Tribe, among of topics, on Feb. 14 at Moses Jumper's pasture grounds in Big Cypress. The storytelling session was just one part of the camping trip. Other activities included skeet shooting, archery and giggling for the three-day trip, which lasted from Feb. 13 through 1

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BOWLING

## 1st Annual James F. Tiger Memorial Bowling Tournament



Family of the late father, Army veteran, and avid bowler James F. Tiger. Friends and other relatives were also on hand for the first annual James F. Tiger Memorial Bowling Tournament at the AMF Bowling Alley in Pembroke Pines. Participants played in games of regular, $3-6-9$ and no tap, and the winners received cash awards. From left - Dorothy Tommie (sister), Imahaggi Tiger (son), Lawanna Osceola-Niles (cousin), Dakota Tiger (grandson), Troy Tiger (son) and Derrick Tiger (grandson), (not
pictured - Reese Bert) (son). pictured - Reese Bert) (son).

Results: Regular: 1. Antillis Stockton and Michele Osceola (374), 2. Leon Wilcox, Sr. and Sheree Sneed, (371), 3. Kenny Doney \& Marilyn Doney (370) 3-6-9: 1. Bobby Frank and Margaret Wilcox (433), 2. Ollie Wareham and Tricia Wilcox (420), 3. Philmon Bowers \& Michele Osceola (402) No Tap: 1. Amos Billie and Michele Osceola (521), 2. Remus Griffin and Marilyn Doney (463), 3. Josh Sneed and Alfreda Muskett (452) Senior Women (3 games total-regular/ 3-6-9/no tap): 1. Mable Doctor (525), 2. Lawanna Osceola (387), 3. Maydell Osceola (355) Senior Men (3 games total-regular/
$3-6-9$ / no tap): 1. Eugene Bowers (589), 2. Ronnie Doctor (579), 3. Moses Osceola (564)

Community Walk-Run Promotes Health


Tribal citizen and co-organizer Francine Osceola, second from left, is joined by other community participants as a part of the Hollywood Recreation sponsored Healthy Hearts Walk-Run campaign. The new program began Feb. 13 and is open to all reservations promotins
the Hollywood softball fields.

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Osceola-Hahn, a happy first birthday on March 18th. Time goes by so fast and you are already walking. I swear it was just the other day when you came home from
the hospital. We all love you so much Baby Behee. Love you, Mommy, Taate, Chaaye, and Alil


Owachige Elice Runsabove (mom), Brock Runsabove
(dad), Honor May Runsabove (baby) - $2-9-10-$ new family.
Congratulations!
Love, Mom
CONGRATULATIONS


We would like to give our huge congratulations to our son-in-law Luis Viveros for his acting parts in the new movie "The Book of Eli" starring Denzel Washington
that hit the theaters Jan. 15. Luis also starred in Toby Keith's movie "Beer for My Horses." Along with Davina, the rest of us are so proud.

Tom, Mary, Tomie, Deanna, Cody Motlow and the re

## I THANK YOU

I would like to Thank the Presidents Committee for planning, preparing and hosting the Presidents of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. Commemorative Luncheon on Feb. 16, 2010. Even though the committee's
work was done in less than two weeks it was a successful event. I would also like to Thank Chairman Mitchell Cypress for not only attending but also participating in the ceremony. Also, I would like to Thank Board Representatives Marcellus Osceola, Jr., Paul Bowers, Sr., and Johnny Jones; Seminole Color Guards David Stephen Bowers, Theodore Nel son, and Gary McInturff; BIA Superintendent Keith Nevens; Joel M. Frank; Community Members and Family for attending; and the Seminole
Broadcasting Department for the spectacular interview video which was truly wonderful and went beyond our expectations. Everyone involved with the Presidents of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. Commemorativ Ceremony did a wonderful job.
Shona- nabista
Richard Bowers Jr., President


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Some so-called blood relatives claim to be loyal to the clan,
But the reality of it they are a disgrace to what we stand.
I miss those that are dedicated to the blood and no doubt those that have gone before me, This Panther is always dedicated to the cause with loyalty

To those that don't know what respect means you better learn, Life ain't a game eventually you will feel that lead that burns.

Jealous ones still envy though I'm gone,
As Pac said that's the way it is and life gees
As Pac said that's the way it is and life goes on.
Don't let your hatred for me and my happiness tear you up inside, Enjoy life to the fullest no more am I alive.

Though physically I'm gone my powerful spirit will always prowl, A Panther in its truest form once again making you bow
The sky's the limit ain't that what Biggie said?

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& \text { It's always been me against the world and still I rise, } \\
& \text { Even in the event of my demise. }
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Even in the event of my demise.
Standing room only Waache smile 4 me , I love you, stay strong, my pride and joy you will always be.

## "Creative Expression

by Elgin Jumper
In terms of the calendar it skips and echoes and glides across a golden surface of years. And yet you can feel a certain depth to those waters, those heartfelt magical expressions, here a meaningful voice, a purposeful story
and song, there a time that streams by in pleasurable eloquence, radiating light, here a dash of songstress fire there an art for sorrowed eyes, where exhilarations in quotations flicker and trickle, and surely, must go far. You express a great deal, and that is why it transforms itself into a holy white dove and ascends the very heavens, though such conditions requires you to weather intermittent challenges, expansive horizons, ripples on baptismal waters adorned by the light. Of course, a series carries forth into the future, ebbs and flows as though a winding river, a work of art created by many hands collaborating, contributing to the overall piece, time after time after
time. Regarding the blessings, they are, to be sure, innumerable. They engulf us in their care. They encapsulate piercing dawn, a love and passion which lasts forever, a symbol of creative expression, an enduring prayer. And what transforms the night collectively is the fellowship in creativity, and thus, what transpires has a lovely truth all it own. You've touched the stage countless times, enjoying every second, but can you tell me, if you will, shall the dazzling light there transcend the night or shall the illustrious dawn be rendered in all its sacred colors?

## "Searchlight of Hope"

By Elgin Jumper
Troubadours, bearers of the truthful word, scorched by trials of fire, drenched as you are in solar teardrops, lunar raindrops, and vibrant visions encircling! Never despair! It is a new dawn, your radiant ships have come in, and
the sea will set you free. Once a sky so gray, the heavens now open up! All those broken dreams come back to you. Let them comfort you forever upon mystical wave-lengths. If ever there were reveries reverberating the resuscitated voice could not contain the resurgence. For I am he who once traversed the night with colorful Seminole designs on my mind and in my eyes, but where the searchlight of hope could always find me, a fading ember now come back to light! And all that I have been through has been leading me to you, one ever-sincere, and standing with your arms out-stretched ecstatic! There is hope, dear friend, and dreams pouring like honey to help us on our way, sweeping us through picturesque landscapes, unhindered by the murmurs of the past, where we llexperience a brand-new tomorow whi our heats.

## PEAGE DELEGATION TO COLONBAA

Peace Delegation to Colombia
As Tribal members, we have a lot of opportunities and are very blessed. As we all know, many other tribes in this country struggle to give their members the same chances that we have. In other countries, indigenous groups
are struggling for survival in their daily life and fighting extinction of their culture. I have been to Colombia are struggling for survival in their daily life and fighting extinction of their culture. I have been to Colombia
and visited with several indigenous communities facing extinction and struggling to keep their children out of decades-long conflict. The "War Against Drugs" also affects their way of life as it pushes them off their ancestra lands and destroys cultural traditions. I am working on a delegation to Colombia this summer with Witness for Peace to visit indigenous communities who have begun social movements to keep their cultures alive and to kee me on this delegation of the war. My hope is that some of you, as Tribal members, with. As the "Unconquered" Tribe, we can give them hope while learning from them about courage. This is an amazing opportunity for students and non-students alike to learn from firsthand and build relationships with communities we would otherwise never meet. If this opportunity interests you, please contact me at jjma77@yahoo.com or 415-525-3625. You can also learn more about the delegation on the Witness for Peace website www.witnessforpeace.org unde
Travel Colombia Travel Colombia

## AHOY READERS!

Seminole Tribe of Florida Library System LAUNCHES SUMMER READING PROGRAM
"Make a Splash—READ!" is the theme this summer at Billy Osceola Memorial Library.

Children will explore the world of water and water fun through stories, songs, games and other activities about oceans, rivers, lakes, and pools and the creatures that live there.

The 2010 Summer Reading Program is open to children ages 5-12, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a reading club, and more.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins on May 1st, 2010
For more information, call the library at (863) 763-4236


CHIEF PHILLIP MARTIN March 13, 1926 - February 4, 2010
Much will have been written and spoken about the accomplishments of Phillip Martin but the qualities of his Much will have been written and spoken about the accomplishments of phil
Chief Martin's dedication to duty, passion for the Choctaw people, and belief in the innate goodness of his fellow man shaped his life's work. His drive to create opportunity and prosperity for the Choctaw people led him from the Tucker Community of the Choctaw Reservation to the halls of greatest power in the United States. Refusing to be bound by the past yet respecting the value of its history, he was unwilling to accept a legacy of de-
pendency and powerlessness for his tribe and worked, step
 pendency and powerlessness for his tribe and worked, ste
by difficult step, to create a strong, democratic and caring
government.
He did so by understanding and promoting the strength He did so by understanding and promoting the streng
funity among the Choctaw people, among the tribes in the United States, and among his local and state neighbors.
His became a voice heard and respected at home and afar. His became a voice heard and respected at home and afar
While his works as a national tribal leader led to lasting, beneficial changes in federal Indian policy for all tribes, his motivation was always to improve life for the Choctaw people and to protect the sovereignty of their government. His enduring legacy will be his unwavering quest for self determination for not only the Choctaw but for the people of all tribes.

In his work and with his family, Chief Martin emyoung and old, tribal and non-tribal. He understood and practiced the values of family, friendship and honesty. He built bridges of cooperation, trust and support among tribal and non-tribal governments, always to the advantage of all.
He viewed himself, foremost, as a member of the Mis ssippi Band of Choctaw Indians but he was also a dedicated citizen of his county, state, and country. From serving in war and its aftermath, he saw and was transformed by the regenerative value of hard work and dedication to duty even under the greatest duress. Obstacles became his pos-
sibilities. He taught, through example, that victories could sibilities. He taught, through example, that victories could
be achieved through hard work, good humor, humility, and optimism.
Chief Martin's family have lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle. The Choctaw people have lost a friend. The state and country have lost a citizen and patriot. He will be remembered as a great visionary and leader but those who knew him best will remember him for his love and loyalty to his family and the good ness of his works

## ANNOUNCEMENT

SEMINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS PROGRAM

WHAT: The Seminole Police Department is accepting applications for the newly formed Explorers Program. Members will meet on a twice a month basis to learn about law enforcement. They will receive training in how the criminal justice system works. Community projects, field trips, guest speakers, and hands on experience are all part of the program to help create a bond between the police department and the tribal youth of our communities.

Those enrolled in the program will follow a code of conduct, wear a specially designed uniform, and govern themselves with the assistance of a police officer advisor. Members can advance from trainees, to explorers, to sergeants, to lieutenants. This is a volunteer program, not a paid position.

WHO: Tribal member youths, descendants, step-children, and any other children connected to the Tribe, both male and female, between the ages of 6-19 are encouraged to join.

WHERE: There will be an Explorer unit on each reservation. At times all units will participate in joint events or trips. Travel will be arranged when necessary.

WHEN: Meetings will be held twice a month on each reservation.
HOW TO APPLY: Complete the attached preliminary application to show your interest in joining or finding out more about the program. Those under 18 years of age will need to have the signed parental permission completed.

## APPLICATION FOR SEMINOLE POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM

FIRST NAME $\qquad$ LAST NAME

NICKNAME
BIRTHDATE $\qquad$ AGE

MALE $\qquad$ FEMALE ADDRESS

RESERVATION
PHONE NUMBERS 1) $\qquad$ 2)

SCHOOL $\qquad$ GRADE
*If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign that it is OK for you to become a member of the Seminole Police Explorers Program.

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR TO BE A

MEMBER OF THE SEMINOLE POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM.

Mother's
signature
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Submit this application to any Seminole Police Officer or at any Seminole Police Station If you or your parents have questions, contact Lieutenant Jerry Meisenheimer at (863) 697-9577.


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HOLIYWOOD, FL


## Alligator Wrestling Competition - a Showcase of Skill and Strength

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
HOLLYWOOD - It was standing room only in
Seminole Okalee Village amphitheater as 12 men

group photo of the competitors, judges and organizers of the Freestyle Alligator Wres tling Competitions event at the Okalee Village 50th Antiversary Celebration

March 13 during the Okalee Village 50th Anniversary March 13 during the Okalee Village 50th Anniversary Celebration and Tribal Fair. The wrestling competition ne limit.

Wrestlers were judged on water wrangling, style, pearance, showmanship, difficulty of tricks and 00 for first place to $\$ 500$ for fifth place.
Marco Zeno won the competition with a total of 174 points. Second place went to Jimmy Riffle with 165 points. Tre Huntoon and Paul Bedard tied for third with Bob Freer and Tito Handboy tied for fourth and Tillie taking fifth place It was Zeno who took the lead with an 85.5 score, bulldog on land. President Bowers said. "We never did these tricks 5 years ago. Wrestlers entered the pit more aggressively and
attempting more dangerous tricks during the second "Tody is ter and onto sand to begin prize money. Jimmy Riffe won the George Storm "Today is going to get crazy," Novo said. "It's hot, their wrestling techniques. Award for performing the gnarliest trick win a dan- the alligators ane going to get fierce and the top four alligator resters $\quad$ Frank Billie began with a spin of death and death prised the judging panel, The first night provided a challenge for some roll, with the alligator reentering the water. Billie including former Chair- wrestlers with temperatures dropping, leaving a few made an impressive comeback by dragging the alliga-
man James Billie and Pres- alligators lethargic. But co-master of ceremonies Paul tor back out and performing an open-mouth bulldog man James Billie and Pres-
ident Richard Bowers Jr. Simmons lethargic. But co-master of ceremonies Paul
it doesn't matter what the conditions are Other judges included Jose for an experienced wrestler.

| ovo and Gordon Cates. |
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"This teaches the crowd about our culture,"
Bowers said. "Take Bowers said. "Take them pulled Bedard didn't hesitate as he dove into the water, to a museum and it's bor- into the sleeper position. The move earning him a high ing but get them here and we can show them some- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Riffle was in good point standing going into the } \\ & \text { thing exciting about our second night, impressing the judges with his water }\end{aligned}$
culture" thing exciting about our second night, impressing the judges with his water

Freer, the oldest wrestler in the competition, said he was feeling his age after drawing the largest alligator. Freer said his goal for the second day was perform as many stunts as possible. Freer did just that as he performed a reverse chin trick that lead into a sleeping maneuver with the al-
ligator asleep on his chest with no hand or legs locked "The bar keeps [rising]," Novo said. "A lot of them are giving the extra effor
 rough and we are still here today.

Okalee 50th Golf Tournament


Tribal senior Lawrence
finished in fourth place.

1. (Team 11) Ricky Doctor, Virginia Billie, Joe Anderson and Butch Mclntos 2. (Team 9) Rutis Tiger, Sandi Pembleton, Rick Davis and Allen Huff
2. (Team 5) Ronnie Doctor, Mabel Doctor, Mondo Tiger and Abe Rockwell

Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. tees off from the first hole as part of team skins play. His team played as part of a
12 -team scramble formatted event.
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Tribal Fair Volleyball Tournament


Fourth Annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament


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division.

Overall Results:
Girls 8-12 years old: 1. Danyelle Boromei, 2. Allison Gopher, 3 . Talia Rodriguez Boys 8-12 years old: 1. Daniel Rodriguez, 2. Richard Primeaux, 3. Reed Gopher Girls 13-17 years old: 1. Jessica Osceola, 2. Hali Garcia, 3. Toby Gopher Boys 13-17 years old: 1. Man Anderson, 2. Neeko Osceola, 3. Joshua Boromei Adult Men 8-ball (singles): 1. Phillip Davis, 2. Roley Johnson, 3. Roley Johnson Adult Women 8 -ball (singles): 1. Laura Clay, 2. Virginia Billie, 3. Donna Antuna Adult Men 9-ball (singles): 1. Harvey Shognosh, 2. Elrod Bowers, 3. Charles Osceola Adult Women 9-ball (singles): 1. Donna Antuna, 2. Jane Freeman, 3. Phalyn Osceola Senior Mens 8-ball (singles): 1. Charley LaSarge, 2. Roley Johnson, 3. Joe Carson Senior Womens 8 -ball (singles): 1. Laura Clay, 2. Jane Freeman, 3. Linda Billie Senior Mens 9-ball (singles): 1. Charley LaSarge, 2. Billy Brown, 3. David Cypress Senior Womens 9-ball (singles): 1. Laura Clay, 2. Jane Freeman, 3. Esther Buster Scotch-Doubles: 1. 1. Virginia Billie and Raymond Garza, 2. Donna Antuna and Tony
Billie, 3. Evelyn Yazzie and Carl Yazzie

## Tribal Fair Bowling Tournament 2010



Tribal citizen $\mathbf{O}^{\prime}$ Hara Tommie concentrates before his turn on the lanes during the 2010 Tribal Fair Bowling Tournament at the Sparez Bowling center in Davie. The annual event was open to all natives, spouses and employees
partner play in games of regular, $3-6-9$ and no tap. There was also a special senior men's and women's division.


Tournament organizer Eugene Bowers looks to roll a trike during tournament play. He finished in fourth place in a special senior men's division.

Tribal Fair Softball Tournament


Freestyle Alligator Wrestling Competition Media Day
 Tribal member James Holt wrestles an alligator during a demonstration at the Seminole Okalee
Village outside the Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino in Hollywood. The preview was part of a media day on March 9 to showcase the Freestyle Alligator Wrestling Competitions for the Okalee Village 50th Anniversary Celebration, which ran from March 11 through 14. Fox News, WFOR CBS-4, WLRN, The
Miami Herald, the South Florida Sun Sentinel and El Nuevo Herald were among the media outlets that attended the demonstration.


In a changing of the crowns, form
Little Miss Seminole Elle Thomas.


Outgoing Little Mr

## The Future is Bright - Little Mr. and Miss Seminole Shine at Competition

BY CHRIS C. JENKIN

HOLLYWOOD - Sixty enthusiastic and nerroyalty in the 25 th edition of the Little Mr. and Little Miss Seminole pageant at the Tribal Headquarters
Auditorium.
The March 12 event coincided with the Okalee
Village 50th Anniversary Celebration and Tribal Fair held from March 11 through 14 on the Hollywood held from March 11 through 14 on the Hollywood
Reservation. This year's group of participants was the largest ever to enroll, Princess Committee Chair-
Hunter Howard
it was very cool," said Thomas, whose daughter Bowers said.
Hunter Howard and Elle Thomas, both of the placed sixth runner up in 2009 pageant. "She really Brighton Reservation, were crowned Little Mr. and $\quad$ wanted to do it again and win it so it was no harm. She
Little Miss Seminole. Both were joined by dozens of
really likes it all and wearing all the pretty dresses," proud parents and relatives, who were on hand in an- Pageant judge and newly crowned Miss Florida ticipation of the winners. Hunter's and Elle's crown- USA Megan Clementi said such a competition develing marked the second straight year that the pageant's ops conffidence and speaking abilities.
winners came from Brighton.
"I think it all ran very smoothly and I loved it," ing and to be able to to see them out there compet"I think it all ran very smoothly and I loved it,"
ing and to be able to speak in public on this stage is
Bowers said afterward. "I just want to thank all my $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Bowers said afterward. "I just want to thank all my } \\ \text { committee members for all their help throughout." }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { great," " Clementi said. "To start off at such a young } \\ \text { age with this will only enhance their communication }\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Bowers gave special recognition to the follow- } & \text { skills, it is huge. They have proved they can com- } \\ \text { municate. These are the future motivational speakers }\end{array}$

Osceola, Christine McCall, Jo Jo Osceola, Mary Jean
oenes and Brittany Yescas. the first time at the auditorium, it will now serve as The contestants were judged on specific criteria, such as outfit, question and answer, overall appearance and mannerisms. Laverne Thomas, Elle's mother, said her daugher was very excited to participate in the pageant ain. "She was impressed with the crown and thought crowned royalty crowned royalty
member serves a and Little Miss

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { one-year reign with a new Little Mr. and Miss Semi- } \\ & \text { nole chosen during the annual Tribal Fair, which wa }\end{aligned}$ said he was proud to see the children get involved in held this year in concurrence with the Okalee Vilthe pageant and happy that parents were involving lage celebration. Each member attends Florida-based Outgoing Little Mr. Seminole Lance Howard events such as Brighton Field Days and the Swamp pageant.


Seminole boys line up in traditional attire to impress the judges during the Little Mr. Seminol



## Tribal Members Dress to Impress

## By rachel buxton

HOLLWOOD - Tribal members from all res-
ations showed off their traditional Seminole attir ervations showed off their traditional Seminole attire
as they competed in the Okalee Village 50th Anniveras they competed in the Okalee Village 50th Anniver-
sary clothing contest.

The youth kicked things off the night of March 12 at the Hollywood headquarters auditorium after Village amphitheater grounds due to heavy rain. Th adults picked things up the next day at the amphithe-
ater, which is located next to the Hard Rock Hotel and ater, which is located next to the Hard Rock Hotel an
"This is pretty much one of the main reasons everyone comes to Tribal Fair," Suraiya Smith said,
referring to the annual Tribal festival that was held in conjunction with the Okalee anniversary celebration this year.
ally little."
y little.
All clothing was inspected and tagged prio

## the competition to confirm the authenticity of the gar- ments and to make sure that the clothing was made

 ments and to make sure that the clothing was madeby either a Seminole or Miccosukee Tribal member within the past six months.
Tribal members modeled traditional and contemporary Seminole designs, including jackets and mod variety of rick-rack and patchwork styles that showed the detail and hard work that went into each piece "It helps the younger generations know where they came from and that a lot of hard work goes into making these clothes," Salina Dorgan said. "When I was it wasn't used to wath my mom put things togethe Some participants spent the past several month working on their individual outfits, some using cotton material and others using satin, silk and velve Dorgan said she finds it easier to use cotton but tha all the different fabrics used is just a way to show "The clothing ure to the children




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Junior Cypress Cattle Drive Continues to Grow in 14th Year
by rachel buxton

BIG CYPRESS - More than 400 cowboy and cowgirls from Tribal reservations and sur rounding counties traveled to the Big Cypres
Reservation to ride in the 14th Reservation to ride in the piece of Seminole history. The cattle drive on March 27 began at the
end of West Boundary Road and was lead by the
Honorary Trail Boss, Moses Jumper Jr., down the
seven-mile stretch to the Junior Cypress Rodeo selves. Big Cypress resident Mary Jene Koenes Arena. Riders were stationed along the trail to welcomed everyone into her pasture where a tent
help herd the roughly 50 head of corriente cattle. was set up with drinks and refreshments. Koenes, "Today you see all the fences and everything the great niece of the late Junior Cypress, said ace, but back then it was nothing but wilderness she is proud to be a part of the annual cattle drive nd they had to go out through the woods and unt all the cattle up," President Richard Bow- During the break dignitaries were introduced ers Jr. said. "It took maybe two weeks to about including Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Hen-
a month to round them up so this is just to com- dry County Commissioner Karson Turner memorate how it was back then." Jumper entertained the crowd with one of his Halfway down the trail, riders stopped to
Jumper entertained the crowd with one of his


Tribal Youth Tour Northeast Colleges
BY BRIANA ABITTAN

As the coach bus turned the corner onto 34th Street, 23 curious, wide-eyed student
focused their attention on the people pushing past the yellow cabs that filled the streets. It's where sleep is only something you do while riding the subways
The final stop on the Education Department's College Tour of the Northeast, students like Tia Blais-Billie, a ninth grader
and aspiring artist from Hollywood, wer and aspiring artist from Hollywood, were
anxious to tour the New York Film Academy. "It's crowded, really big and the buildings are really tall," Tia Blais-Billie said.
"It would be hard to get used to, but I think eventually I word to get used to, but I think

The tour is only one component of pushing higher education. The College and
Career Fair in January and the College Ad-
missions Panel, under the direction of Trib 1 Education Department Director Emma ere Higher education adve. Higher education advisor Linda Iley right college match for them. the diffene college fair introduces studens ives them thoices, but the college tour ives them the opportunity to experience mportant for them to feel comportable in mportant for them to feel comfortable i
that environment," she said. Iley said the college tour and other Education Department initiatives have enouraged Tribal students to enroll in colleg S such as the University of Miami, Florida ers. In all, 64 Tribal students are currently attending college.
Iley said the Education Department's Please see VISIT on page 2A

## William Osceola Strives to Secure a Future in Tradition BY JUDY WEEKS <br> TRAIL - William Osceola accepted a position with numerous chal- lenges when he became Trail Liaison lenges when he became Trail Liaison for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. In a little more than a decade, he has tackled each situation from an objective standpoint and refuses to take "no" for an answer. Under his guidance, structured change is taking place with careful consideration of traditional values. "It is impossible to go back in time, and few of us would consider givinne, and few of us would consider giv- ing up our modern conveniences and amenities," Osceola said. "However, we can preserve our culture and traditional values while living in harmony with the present. Our future deponds with the present. Our future depends upon getting an education and learning upon getting an ed from our elders." <br> Many of the administrative proj- ects facing Osceola are ects facing Osceola are not unique to the Trail constituency. A growing



Crescent Valley Baptist Church youth member Jacob Martin, left, helps Big Cypress Firs Baptist Church member and Ahfachkee School student Kylen Jumper with his spelling


Oklahoma Youth Missions Group Visits Big Cypress

BY NAII TOBIAS
Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - John Jumper wanted a youth missions group from Oklahoma to visit their peers in Big Cypress to strengthen a bond between the two
groups. groups.
So Jumper joined 27 other members of the Cres-two-day van trip to the Big Cypress First Indian Baptist Church. The Crescent Valley Baptist Church group participated in numerous activities during their four-day stay March 15-18, including a camp-
fire service and helping Ahfachkee School students fire service and helping Ahfachkee School students
with their homework. The youth missions group had one primary thing oo give themselves a sense of courage in spreading
words of inspiration to their peers nationwide. words of inspiration to their peers nationwide.
"For me, I wanted Crescent Valley to experience another Indian culture away from Oklahoma,"

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Crescent Vailey Baptist Church praise and worship leader Rose Wyes, 18, plays guitar and sings a medey of gospel songs as the yo

## OUTREACH

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Jumper said. Jumper, a Seminole who originate from the Hollywood Reservation but moved long ago to the Crescent Valley youth group and its youth pastor, Nick Howk.
Both men ended up agreeing to hold the
missions trip. missions trip.

The campfire service was March 15 at the Big Cypress First Baptist Church and group acclimated to the culture at Big Cy press. On March 17, the Big Cypress First Baptist Church held its weekly "Uncon
man L. Osceola Gymnasium seen the Lord from the our youth have Big Cypress First Baptist Church group, Rev. Bruce Pratt said. "The Tahlequah youth group is outgoing, friendly and helpful.
They've been a blessing to our community They've been a

## and our church."

Wise, 15 , said in her experience here Sawyer Wise, 15 , said in her experience here at Big
Cypress, she noticed that the reservation is a cypress, she noticed that the reservation is a
"Coming to Big Cypress has given me a lot of insight as to how the Seminoles live," Wise said. "II's cool that they're the only
Tribe in the nation that wasn't conquered by Tribe in the nation that wasn't conquered by
Jumper said the youth from Big Cypres


Surrounding cowboys and cowgirls brave the heat to take part in the annual Cattle Drive.


Brighton Tribal member Roger Smith enjoys the day with granddaughter Malloriz

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many poems. A tribute to his grandher Morgan Smilt, Jumper recit "Indian Cowboy Dream," a poem he "I know you always think with
Seminoles it's alligator wrestling and bright colored outfits," Jumper said But that's basically turn of the centubeen a big part of our history," The cattle drive shortly resumed
as the herd of cattle and horses mad their way through the Big Cypress community to the rodeo arena wher riders were treated to a steak dinne
barbecued by Tomahawk Catering an Eastern Indian Rodeo
"It's a chance to be together with and Tribal employee Rey Becerr said. "In the beginning we had more
cows than cowboys. Now we have more cowboys than cows."

The Junior Cypress Cattle Drive
started back in 1996 by Pres ent Richard Bowers Jr., Big C press Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. and Jumper in honor of Junior Cypress,
one of the Seminole Tribe's main cattle foremen who helped shape the Tribe's cattle program into what it is Tribe's
today.
Jun Jumper said the idea originated from the Florida cattle drive that was cattlemen. that and put together our own cattle drive, here on the Seminole Reservation," Jumper said. "It not only PRs
the Tribe and Reservation, it gives an the Tribe and Reservation, it gives an
idea that we are a Tribe that is heav-, enly influenced by cattle and horses."
from one campsite to another, they cleared out discarded materials, debris and invasive exotic plant growth to uncover additiona He successfully negotiated with the oovernment to acquire the abandon spoil piles of fill dirt and lime rock left from the excavation of a canal with the provision that old equipment, they transported the materi als to raise the campsites and then enhanced the living areas and added sanitary facilities. Upon learning about a Congressional act that allows indigenous people to reoccupy their traditional campsites on public lands, Osceola approached the Big Cypress
Preserve. His initial efforts were denied Taking his plight to Tribal counsel Jim Shore, the battle for land rights began in earnest. nest."Attorneys and lobbyists worked diligently under Jim Shore's watchful eye to
counteract their objections on many levels," counteract their objections on many levels,"
first selection of sites along the Trail using ing the new residences. Future plans include the argument that our traditional camps were gardens, chickees and a campsite setting in
deep within the swamplands. We had to es- which the next generation can grow up and tablish that as a nomadic people, the entire learn about their rich heritage and culture. land area of "South Florida was our traditional home." The homes needed to be built along
Tamiami Trail in order to meet the needs for Tamiami Trail in order to meet the needs fo responsibility. Tribal attorneys and officials olicited the approval of numerous governmental agenci
ally granted.
"After el
"After eleven years, it is now possible Tribal members wishing to build residenc es along the Trail and recently ground was broken on six campsites," said Osceola. "It has taken a long time, but none of this could
have taken place without the support of the have taken place without the support of the
Tribal Council and leadership. They have Tribal Council and leadership. They have
had my back every step of the way and continue to make it possible to move forward." Scores of engineers, environmental spe-
lists and contractors are using extreme structure. The least evasive methods are creating a traditional atmosphere while build

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its to maintain the exclusivity for anothe 15 years. Operations for the Class III, Las Vegas-style slot machines wir also continu at four casinos
Dade counties
Dade counties.
In return, the state of Florida will receive funding as part of a revenue-sharing ${ }^{\text {plan. }}{ }_{\text {After }}$ After the five years, the Legislature must either pass a law to allow the games
to continue or prevent them from further opto continue or prevent them from further op-
eration. If the operations were to be halted, the Tribe would be allowed to reduce the amount of money it is paying the state of Florida.
"This
"This is the best contract any Tribe has
ever achieved," said attorney Jerry Strauss, ever achieved, said attorney Jerry Strauss, one of the main attorneys involved in the
deal representing the Tribe. "It was a very deal representing the Tribe. "It was a very
hard effort. There were setbacks, but the

Seminole Tribe does not give up."
Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. expressed happiness about the day but warned that the The.
"We [as Seminoles] have won many battles over the years but the battle is still not over, we have many more left," Presi-
dent Bowers said. The various o of the Tribe stand to gain as well and will eceive: a lower tax rate for horse and dog racks and jai-alai frontons in Miami-Dade nd Broward counties, an installation of up machines that dispense lottery tickens and other racing mechanisms, as well as give all pari-mutuels extended gambling hours and higher limits for betting.
The original accord. between the parties a substantial amount of the funds going toward educational efforts within the Florida school system.


## VISIT

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goal is to reach out more to our high school students, to make sure they go to college or cational schools." The group first visited the quaint island of Martha's Vineyard, known as the sum-
mer colony, located in Massachusetts. "The Vineyard" was first occupied by ancestors of the Wampanoag Tribe for at least 10,000 years in the town of Aquinnah. The students were invited to sample venison chili, authentic clam chowde
ereign Native tribe.
"You need to see what other tribes have just stick to what have, because you can't Melton, a sophomore from Big Cypress. After riding a ferry back to Boston, it was time to get started on visiting colleges.
Boston and Harvard University, two flagship colleges in the historic New England city colleges in the historic New England city,
caught the attention of Hollywood freshman Joseph John, who one day hopes to be a doc-
"Harvard's filled with so much more history than I expected," John said. "At first
you don't think much but then you see all you don't think much, but then you see all
the paintings and you hear about all of the people that graduated from here and you think they were here and now I'm here." of a Native American from South Florida studying at Harvard, joined the tour during "The Seminole Tribe has a great opporanity to send these young ambassadors to Western Institutions of higher education, to mplement it into communities," BriggsCloud said.
The students visited Trinity College ford, Conn., two hours southwest of Boston. They also visited Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., and the New Jersey InstiJust over the
Just over the bridge, the Big Apple awaited many students interested in the arts.
The New York Film Academy helped form a deeper understanding for those with an interest in making or watching films. The Fashion Institute of Technology was the fiinal school visited and it gauged an interest in threads, garments, buttons and bows.
After visiting FIT, the students were treated to the Broadway sensation "Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz."

One of the youngest members of the group, Brianna Blais-Billie, a seventh grad-
er from Hollywood, started her college er from Hollywood, started her college prep
early recognizing its importance. "This tour shows kids in the
college is and that they should get a job and not just rely on dividends from the
casino."


Virginia Mitchell, left, and Allison Osceola ride the ferry to Martha's Vineyard

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## Fort Pierce Presents Plans for New Community Center

BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter
FORT PIERCE - The Fort Pierce Reservation will break ground this summer
on a new, 33,000 -square-foot community center, reservation Liaison Sally Tommie and Schwab, Twitty \& Hanser Architectural
Group announced at an April 14 community meeting.

The community center will include a gym, pool, sauna, walking track, softball
field, playground and cultural center with a kitchen. A clinic will also be found in the center to service the Fort Pierce Tribal residents. Roughly 25 individuals including Chairman Mitchencypress and Hollywood/ attended the meeting held at Creative Catering in Port St. Lucie. STH presented the newly designed renderings of the state of the
art Fort Pierce Community Center that will be located within the Chupco's Landing development. "This is a dream come true for me,"
said Fort Pierce Tribal member Remus Grif said. "This community center will get our
fids active in after school activitierce kids active in after school activities and give
our people a chance to exercise." our people a chance to exercise."
STH provided the attendees with a
PowerPoint presentation describing PowerPoint presentation describing specific
details that were used to design the commudetails that were used to design the commu-
nity center. STH said they worked very hard in incorporating Seminole history and the


Bowers, center, with brother and Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., as well as members of Trib
of service to the Tribe.

## Tribal Fixture Elsie J. Bowers Retires

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - With hundreds in attendance, Elsie J. Bowers said her good-
byes and walked away into retirement after 36 years of service in the Tribe. The March 26 event brought out a
gamut of emotions from laughter to tears, gamut of emotions from laughter to tears,
as the Hard Rock played host to celebrat as the Hard Rock played host to celebrating a woman most described as a strong,
shrewd, stubborn, loyal, fearless and bold shrewd, stubborn, loyal, fearless and bold
personality symbolizing great leadership for more than three decades. Bowers was also celebrating her 70th birthday.
"I want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting me; it has been a long
36 years," a moved 36 years, a moved Bowers said to guests
in attendance. in attendance.
Tribal Council and Board members as well as co-workers, friends and family were
on hand with generous gifts and warm regards to Bowers on her future endeavors as she plans to travel abroad and enjoy her
family. $\underset{\text { Formily. }}{\text { For }}$ Former Tribal Council Chairman James E. "You are going into a different world now or around it maybe. Since you are go-


said to<br>vastation of the

"I am going to miss you. You are my role model," an emotional Tomi Motlow
said to Bowers in replacing her mont said to Bowers in replacing her mentor. "
have some very big shoes to fill." Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cy Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cy press said Bo
"Elsie has brought us a long ways with
the smoke shop and she has challenged us [as a Tribe] in a good waye has challenged us [as a Tribe] in a good way," Chairman Cypreod way and I am really going to miss her. You have been with us many years and I am Yoing to miss you and your knowledge."
Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Tribal Board President Richard Bowers
Ir. said Bowers will always be known for her no-nonsense demeanor. "I have known Elsie all my life and she
always kept you in line, and even when you were in line she made sure you stayed that way," President Bowers said.
Bowers began her career with the Tribe in 1974 as a part of the Health Department, taking on several roles over the years as a ministrator and health director.
She said during her 19-year stint within She said during her 19-year stint within the department, she developed many bonds
and ties with the seniors, all while endur-
"It was one of the worst things to hit
us during the early years, us during the early years, back in the early 70 s, " Bowers said. "We spent a lot of time
focusing on the prevention, eating and lifestyle and it was hard but we [as a staff] did a style and it was hard but we [as a staff] did a
good job with them."
She said sometime later she was apShe said sometime later she was aphim in one of the Tribe's tobacco and cior him in one of the Tribe's tobacco and ciga-
rette smoke shops, which was one of the Tribe's early business ventures. Upon accepting Smith's offer, Bowers
made the calculated move of accepting an entry level position, working her way up the "I told him [Smith] I do not know thing about the cigarette business, so what Ithing about the cigarette business, so what learn how the shop operates," she explained. Her earnings were $\$ 4.50$ per hour to start. Her hard work then paid off leading to evromotion as a manager months later and the last 17 years overseeing several shops including Hollywood, Fort Pierce and Immokalee reservations.
"It was all hard work, but I did it."
ialties tantalized the appetites. The great-granddaughter of an Immokalee pioneer, Pam Brown cil Liaison Elaine Aguilar and Seminole Ranch Director Kenny Joe "My great-grandfather, Percy Brown, established Boat Land-
ing, which was the first trading ing, which was the first trading post at Big Cypress," said Brown. work and plumes in trade for basic food staples, cloth, kitchen utensils, guns, knives and ammunition. We have had a long and wonderful relationship with the Seminole Tribe as they lived and worked Seside us over the past century."
Seminole alligator wrestlo
Seminole alligator wrestler Billy Walker gave two captivating ticipate in some photographic opportunities. Joining him in the ar-ticipate in some photographic opportunities. Joining him in the arefor the live music of the nationally acclaimed Confederate Railroad. As nightfall descended upon the festival, a Working Ranch Rodeo provided the evening's entertainment. Six teams of five contestants each sponsored by local ranches competed in events represen-
tative of a daily ranch operation. The teams participated in Breakaway Roping, Team Roping and Tying, Team Roping and Branding, Buddy Pickup and Barrel tion for the grand prize. A Bull Riding exhibition followed. "Regardless of different cultural backgrounds, everybody in air, water and a nutritious food supply," said Chairman Mitchell Cy press. "Our lives depend upon these things. Today's Harvest Festiwhere the residents help to feed our nation. Like our ancestors, our
 The Immokalee Seminole Preschool flo
garden at the Harvest Festival parade.

## Immokalee Celebrates 50th Harvest Festival

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - It has been a half century since this small agricultural community in Collier County first celebrated a festi-
val of the harvest. The Seminoles were an integral part of the first celebration in 1960 and instrumental in coordinating the 50th on March 20.
Tribal citizen Grace Osceola Holdiness grew up in the little Tribal citizen Grace Osceola Holdiness grew up in the little
camp down on the curve of State Road 29. The first Seminole gradcamp down on the curve of State Road 29 . The first Seminole grad-
uate from Immokalee High School, she was in the 11th grade when she was elected the Harvest Festival Queen in 1965 .
Returning to participate in the 50th celebration, Holdiness was Returning to participate in the 50th celebration, Holdiness was
designated as Honorary Parade Marshall and led the long proces designated as Honorary Parade Marshall and led the long proces
sion down the center of town in a vintage carriage drawn by two white horses.
The Immokalee Seminole Preschool entered an award winning rounded the planting of the seeds of education and reaping the harvest of productive young minds.
"People keep asking me how Immokalee has changed over the years," said Holdiness. "Honestly, it hasn't changed much. Being
a small farming community, it has always had approximately the a small farming community, it has always had approximately the
same number of residents year round and seasonal workers to handle the harvest. It is nice to have them remember me."
Arriving at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch, the procession and its spectators were greeted by an open market place. The flavor, smells and sounds of the diverse ethnic cultures that make up the
community filled the air. community filled the air. Made preserves, woodwork, jewelry, natural health supplies, and souvenirs with, the flavoro of more than ten different cultures awaited
the participants. Traditional Seminole cooking, hot buttery corn, Ja-



Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress, right, and his son, Charlie, make friends with the wolves at the
 Director Kenny Joe Davis, Sr. and Immokalee pionee
Brown coordinated the 50th annual Harvest Festival.

Tribal Council Holds Special Meeting
BY ADINA LOOCHKARTT
Editor
The Tribal Council gathered at the Community Center in Big Cypress for a
special session on March 25. It passed reso special session on March 25. It passed reso lutions on the agenda including:

Resolution 15: Service line agreement (fka Embarq) and Seminole Tribe of Florida for the relocation of a telephone cable to accommodate the BIA road 1281 (aka Josie Billie Highway) bridge replacement project Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. transportation program director of the Sem inole Tribe of Florida as the project man ager for Snake Road (Josie Billie highway) and bridge project.
Resolution 17: Transfer of responsibility for public law 93-638 contract no
CTS53T02187 Snake Road (Josie Billie Highway) and bridge project from the director of the environmental resource management department to the transportation program director of the Seminole Tribe of

Resolution 18: Approval of agreement Big Cypress Airport hangar parking lot

Ratification of execution of the agreement.
Resolution 19: United States depart Resolution 19: United States depart-
ment of homeland security, fiscal year 2009 ment of homeland security, fiscal year 2009 grant. Ratification.
Resolution 20: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation proposals for interior modifications and maintenance for the Gulfstream
IV-SP aircraft. Ratification. Resolution 21: Amended bulk water and sewage user agreement between the
town of Davie and the Seminole Tribe of Florida for the purchase of bulk water and sewer treatment services for Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino - Hollywood. Ratifi-
cation.
Resolution 23: Approval of funds to construct a parking garage and pedestrian bridges at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino-Hollywood.
Resolution 31: Issuance of revocable permit between Raleigh Osceola (permittor)
and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. (permittee) for the operation of a convenience store and restaurant with approval for tobacco and fuel sales - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Resolution 32: Cancellation (write-off) of outstanding tribal
ceased tribal members.

Big Cypress Community Holds Rock Party


Tribal youth rocked in decked out costumes at the Big Crpress Pock Party on March 26 at Tribal youth rocked in decked out costumes at the Big Cypress Rock Party on March 26 at
the BC Community Center. They danced the night away, listening to a slew of current and past rock-themed tunes from groups such as Aerosmith, Blink-182, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin, among many other acts. The Community Center plans to have a dance party for the
Big Cypress youth on a Friday night each ondthen Big Cypress youth on a Friday night each month.


## Litefoot Makes Most of Tour Stop at Big Cypress

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Native American recording artist and motivational speaker Gary "Litefoot" Davis has been on a mission to during the past several years. during the past several years.
The six-time Native Am Award winner visited the Big Cypress Reservation on March 19, making sure to spend some quality time with those who were willing to listen to his message of hope.
entation about his Reach the Rez prewhich started in 2005. Participants viewed the documentary, which highlights footage from the Reach the Rez Tour for the past five
years. In the short form documentary, LiteIn the short form documentary, Lite-
foot is seen speaking to scores of individu-
als from more than 350 Tribal communities nationwide through his Reach The Rez Tour. Litefoot says the tour is a representation
of what he's been called to do by a higher
authority.
"Always know when you're set
do a work, there will be things out there that will try to stop you," Litefoot said to the
attendees at the Herman L. Osceola Gym-
nasium. "When you know what the Creator "It's about how you live your life."
has for you, just do it and stay focused. The
By the time the Reach the Rez
Creator will bless what you do more than Creator will bless what you do more than
you The Seminole Tribe of Florida has been a primary sponsor of the Reach the Rez Tour
Litefoot's ultimate goal is to do his bes to be a positive influence on the lives of Na tive youth nationwide. Aileen Cypress, a 14 -year-old Tribal youngster from Big Cypress, sees Litefoot in that light. "It's fun to be with him because he's funny and he kids with me a lot," said Ai-
leen, who toured with Litefoot in 2006. "Hi message was pretty cool. He told us to mak the right decisions, whether or not our parents do it. Litefoot means a whole lot to me." The Reach the Rez Tour, in its final year of a five-year vested agreement with the
Tribe, will make 75 stops nationwide. The Tribe, will make 75 stops nationwide. The
tour, which stopped in Immokalee on March 18, will last until December.

I don't want to give anyone a band aid," Litefoot said. "I want to give someone the medicine that can cure the problem."
Litefoot encouraged the attendes to focus on prayer, which he says is "the all"Prayer is the embodiment of every single thing you do on a daily basis," he said

By the time the Reach the Rez tour con-
By ludes this year, Litefoot and his wife, Carmen Davis, will have accomplished its goal stopping at 211 communities in 40 states, hroughout a total of about 54,000 miles roughout the United States. America flourish," Davis said. "They want to see healthy communities. We want the world to know we're still here as Native Americans."
The documentary was recently played for Tribal leaders at the Hollywood Reser-
vation's Community Meeting on March 9. It also was shown at a National Gaming Association meeting on April 8 at the Wendell Chino Awards Banquet in San Diego.
Litefoot credits the Tribe as apy Litefoot credits the Tribe as a key supporter of all his efforts in reaching out to the
Native children. been literally a living representation of the message spread throughout the Nation," he said. "I'm blessed and appreciative of the fact that the Creator has used the Tribe to
help me bring out the message. If we could touch one person's life, then we accomplished something."
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Fort Pierce Hosts 2010 Family Fun Day Olympics


## Tribal senior Elsie J. BowersOutspoken Seminole Leader

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
HOLLYWOOD - Those who know Elsie Jean Bowers cannot help but respect her, even if they may fear her in the process.
For many the two go hand-in-hand regarding the wise 70 -year-old leader. Still with plenty to say and do, the out spoken Snake Clan member has ridden of
into the sunset coming off a recent retire ment after more than three decades with the Tribe - her last 17 as the Seminole Smoke Shop General Manager. All the while she has continued to speak her mind along the
way.
"People have always been scared of me when I speak my mind because I do not beat
around the bushes," Bowers said. "People respect me for who and what I am." Among six siblings, including younge
brother and current Brighton Tribal Coun brother and current Brighton Tribal Coun-
cil Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Bowers was cil Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Bowers was
raised on the Brighton Reservation in a chickee community living off the land with her grandmother Lucy Pearce, aunt Ada Pearce and great uncle Billie Bowlegs.
She said it was her grandmother. ever, who set the tone for her disciplined, no-nonsense character
influence in her life. "When you were told
to do something ,by your
elders you did elders you did it," Bowers
said. "She [Lucy Pearce] helped give me the strength to do and
to now."
Whit
While growing up, Bowers and her other sibtheir lives as mother Anie Pearce died before she was 10 and father Andrew
ers Sr. left the home "It was tough because we did not have anything," Bowers said. "I did not
know we were poor though know we were poor though,
because I thought that is the because I thought that is the
way you were supposed to
live." "I knew if we needed anything though, she [Lucy Pearce] would provide it for
us. She really cared for us," us. She really cared
Bowers continued. Bowers also credits
Pearce with helping her tap into her gifts as a medicine ability which has often remained unknown about her

The mother of four of-
ficially began her career in the Tribe's Health Depart the Tribe's Health Depart-
ment in the early 1970s as
a community health representative, trans-
porter and interpreter for many of the Tribal
elders in the clinics. She would also go on o perform field administrator work before ventually taking on the major role of health "I always wanted to learn, especially in dministration," Bowers said. "If somebody knew something more than me, I was going
to find that person and start talking to them, which is how I have been able to build my knowledge."
Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. spoke admiringly about Bowers and her work ethic at her retirement party "Our qualities - beauty, strength, and wisdom. Elsie has shown if you have a goal and you want to achieve it you can," Rep. Osceola said. "She has worked until the very end. she did not work for the fame and fortune; he worked because she loved it
with her family - a choice Bowers said has been a long time coming.
"My family and my kids wanted me to leave and walk away for a long time," Bow-
ers said. "I have really slowed down I just ers said. "I have really slowed down. I just
want to relax and enjoy my life, with my grandkids and great-grandkids."


Chairman Mitchell Cypress presents Elsie Jean Bowers with a gift during her retirement party on March 26


Front, from left, Nehemiah Roberts, Troy Cantu, Zephaniah Roberts, Rosalinda "Mika" Lopez and Jessica Lopez. Rear, from left, Pete Aguilar, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar and Immokalee 4-H Leader Melonie Hamlet.

## JUDITH A. HOMKO

Marital \& Family Law


## 4-H Exhibitors Honored at Collier County Livestock Awards Banquet

## BY JUDY WEEKS

NAPLES - An awards banquet was held in the Livestock Pavilion of the Collier County Fair Ground Family members, sponsors and buyers
Family members, sponsors and buyers joined volcounty on March 27 in recognition of the memberships achievements.
non Hubbell, Sond supervisors Rhonda Ward, Shannon Hubbell, Scott Blocker and Curtis Blocker made
presentations to the following categories: steers, swine presentations to the following categories: steers, swine,
breeding cattle, goats, breeding sheep, poultry, rabbits,
calves and peewees.
Immokalee Seminole 4-Hers were heavily invested in the steer projects and received all of the major awards in their division.

Steer Grand Champion Troy Cantu and Reserve Champion Nehemiah Roberts were given special rec-
ognition for their accomplishments and received large ognition for their accomplishments and received large
trophies and silver buckles. Both youngsters have completed 4-H projects in the past, but this was their first major win. They said that they are already planning to
apply their new skills to next year's competition apply their new skills to next year's competition.
Veterans of the Seminole 4-H program, Jessica Lo Veterans of the Seminole 4-H program, Jessica Lopez and her sister Rosalinda "Mika" Lopez, started their
careers as peewees and have raised successful projects careers as peewes and have raised successful projects
for several years in a number of categories. These two
young ladies displayed outstanding qualities in the barn, the Senior and Intermediate Showmanship awards, respectively.
During the 2009-2010 Season, Zephaniah Roberts put an enormous amount of effort into raising his first and second in class award. He has joined an elite membership in the family tradition of $4-\mathrm{H}$. "The Seminole 4-H program celebrated its 50 th year this past fall and has certainly come a long way
from raising baby chicks and planting vegetables," Im rom raising baby chicks and planting vegetables, Imtremely proud of all the exhibitors, their club leaders and parents who have made this possible. These young-
sters have made a tremendous commitment and faced sters have made a tremendous commitment and faced many challenges by submitting projects in more than one 4-H competition during the same year." Parent Pedro Aguilar Jr., whose eight children help ing in 4-H projects are too numerous to count. "When you take on the responsibility of animals it quickly becomes a family affair," he said. "Some of my children have more than one project and with school, homework and barn activities, it makes for a very long mals are instrumental in teaching patience, humility and respect", respect."

## POEM - A TRIBUTE TO ELSIE J. BOWERS

A Tribute to Elsie
By Moses Jumper J
Tonight we share in the celebration of a woman we can all call our friend
hout the years I have seen her children love her as a mother. I know they too have loved her like no othe.
he has been a woman, who has lived her life with devotion. Never backing down once she understood the notion.
There were times I know for her family she has shed many a tear. I know for them she has always held their love so dear
To many I am sure you have seen that stare. You never wanted to be the one at the end of that glare!
To her people she has always walked with pride. A woman of integrity, she never had nothing to hide.
I'm sure tonight each one here could say there was a time she gave you a helping hand. that was herlie, sle was a woman of the Snake Clan.
Tonight we all celebrate her change in life as she pursues another trail
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$\qquad$
Tonight Elsie, we say Mvto for the life with us you have shared. In our hearts you must always know we have cared.

4-H Holds 24th Annual Livestock Show and Sale

BRIGHTON - More than 100 Tribal $\begin{gathered}\text { Steer exhibitors followed by the swine } \\ \text { were next to show off their months of hard }\end{gathered}$ youth from all reservations headed to the
Brighton Reservation with their steers, swine and other animal projects for 4-H's main event, the annual show and sale know fee" steer exhibitor, getting him to held at the Brighal two-night event was "I tried to get my sister and family involved with Kalgary Johns named Steer Grand Champion and Mika Lopez awarded Swine Grand Champion.
The Small Animal Club was the first leading their animals around the ring for the


## hibitors handled their animals and

 felt each animal to determine the type of grade."We [were] Cantu were all given the Showman-
shitle for their show presentations The day following the show the youth
looking for vol- washed and groomed the animals to look looking for vol- washed and groomed the animals to look
ume, we [were] their best in hopes to entice a buyer during looke, we fore fing for fin- the sale. Tribal officials and local business
ish - that's the ish - that's the owners came out in support of the Semi-
amount of fat on
nole Tribe 4-H. them; because if The Seminole Tribe recently celebrat-
you don't have ed the 50th anniversary fat, you won't ment in 4-H. The Tribe encourages the have any white youth to get involved in the organization specs in your that offers fun, hands-on learning focused meat, which is in the areas of science, healthy living and
your marbling," citizenship. steer judge Dale "There are so many more kids involved McQuillen said. in it now and it's evolved into this tremen-
"You're trying dous deal for the students of the Seminole to estimate, do Tribe," former 4-H member Emma Johns
they have fin- said. "I think that's great because we're ish and will they getting people involved in livestock and
marble."
that's kind of the heritage of the Seminole that's kind of the heritage of the Seminole
Tribe. So, I think that connection is really


Ahnie Jumper shows her $\mathbf{1 , 1 6 0}$-pound steer.


Priscilla Alvarado enters the ring with the Small Animal Club showing off
her hard work in her dairy calf.


Jewel Buck brushes her steer Max for her last show as a 4-Her.

Grand Champion: Kalgary Johns
Reserve Grand Champion: Kailin Brown
Senior Showmanship: Jessica Lopez
Intermediate Showmanship: Skyler Burk
Junior Showmanship: Kalgary Johns
Blue Ribbon 1st Place: William Beard
Blue Ribbon 1st Place: Wiiliam Bearden, Ahnie Jumper, Anthony Joe, Jessica Lopez
Blue Ribbon 3rd Place: Jewel Buck, Kenny Davis Jr., Andre Jumper, Blevyns Jumper, Jacob Cotton. Blue Ribbon 4th Place: Nehemiah Roberts, Kelton Smedley, Chebon Gooden, Blake Baker.
Blue Ribbon 5th Place: Kenny Deschenee, Drayton Billie. Blue Ribbon 5th Place: Kenny Deschenee, Drayton Billie.

Swine Winners
Grand Champion: Mika Lopez
Reserve Grand Champion: Issiah Alvarado
Senior Showmanship: Garrett Thomas
Intermediate Showmanship: Rosa Urbin
Blue Ribbon 1st Place: Alexis Aguilar, Rosa Urbina, Damian Escobar, Alexis Jimmie, Dennis Gonza
les, Billy Yates, Spencer Jock. Deidra Hall, Richard Smith, Troy Cantu, Preston Smith.
Blue Ribbon 3rd Place: Garrett Thomas, Edward Aguilar, Trystan Yzaguirre, Jenna McDuffie, Mailani Perez, Destiny Nunez

## Small Animal Blanket

Blue Ribbon 4th Place: Keanu Correa, Trevor Thomas, Geneva Garcia, Aaliyah Mora, Courtney Gore, Danni Jae Tommie, Kamani Smith, Jade Tapia, Madisyn Osceola.
Blue Ribbon 5th Place: Ruben Burgess Jr., Christopher Briscall, Dalton Koenes, Callie Joe, Quinton Smith, Justin Roff, Sabre Blilie, AAshley Faz.
Blue Ribbon 6th Place: yy 隹 Smith, Hunter Strickland, Aiyana Tommie, Drake Lawerence, Larissa Delarosa, Aaron Alvarado, Chastity Harmon, Robert Fudge.
Delarosa, Aaron Alvarado, Chastity Harmon, Robert Fudge.
Blace: Keniya Yzaguirre, Ezekiel Roberts, Alyssia Fudge, Jack Aguilar, Camryn Thomas, Destinee Jimmie.
Blue Ribbon 8th Place: Nicholas Correa, Nikki Davis, Brian Bishop, Neo Motlow, Ashton Beer, Jon Lee Jimmie.
Blue Ribbon 9th
Blue Ribbon 9th Place: Rodni Mercer, Marquis Fudge, Cartaya Billie.
Blue Ribbon 10th Place: Annie Joe.
Small Animal Club
Jarrett Beecham, Santiago Billie, Aubee Billie, Mallorie Thomas, Kiowa Garcia, Creek Gopher, Justin Gopher Jr., Marcos Reyna, Heath Lawerence, Jrayco Billie, Karlyne Urbina, Norman Osceola, Jacee Jumper, Tucker Johns, Kaleb Doctor, Taden Santiago, Laviticus Roberts, Spencer Aguilar, Caniah
Billie-Aguilar, Priscilla Alvarado, Jaliyah Artega, Brianna Bowers, Cable Bowers, Harmony Cypress, Jalee Wilcox, Nick Andrews, Valholly Frank.

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Rez Dawgz President Marlon Tommie, sixth from left in back row, and Hollywood Tribal Council
Max B. Osceola Jr., seventh from left in back row, with members of the Rez Dawgz Bike Club.
Tribal Clubs Give Toward Haiti Relief

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - The Tribe's Heart HOLLY Wising campaign has continu to provide relief for the island nation's earth quake victims and now is being assisted by two Tribal recreation clubs - the Rez Dawgz Bike Club and the Warriors Car Club. its backdrop, both clubs joined at the Osceola Park softball fields to raise money for the cause and promote one another. The March 20 event featured a live deejay, a raffle of memorabilia items, trip giveaways, a youth bounce house, a stunt show, exotic custom-
made cars and motorcycles on display a made cars and motorcycles on display, a car
wash and food. All proceeds went to the Haiti relief effort.
"This type of effort will help the Haiti "Thims but benefited us as a club as well," said Rez Dawgz Bike Club President Marlon Tommie, nicknamed "Coodahound
to his fellow bike mates. "Our main focus to his fellow bike mates. "Our main focus
with any charity event we do in the future is to help Tribes in need. We want people to know that motorcycle clubs can be a positive thing."
Warriors Car Club President Eric Osceola said the idea for the charity event
came from conversations between him and Tommie. Osceola saw the event as a good opportunity to help the earthquake victims and to get more Tribal youth involved wit the club, which he started in 2009. names out there. We want other Tribal members to know what we are about and what we represent," he said.
Tommie presented a custom-made biker jacket to Rez Dawgz Vice-President and Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max
B. Osceola Jr. for his continued support of B. Osceola Jr. for his continued support of
the group since its inception in 2007. Rep. Osceola also agreed to match the funds raised at the event.
"It is what you give that counts and the
fact that you are here really matters," Rep.
mie also recognized Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. for his generous individual donation to the cause.
Tommie and
clubs are open to Tribal citizens on all reservations, with certain membership restric-

is next show on May 16 at the plans to have The Tribe initiated its Hearts to Haiti relief program in late January to aid and assist
those affected by the 7.0 earthquake. Public donations were accepted Jan. 19-31 on the
Tribal reservations, including Hollywood Immokalee, Big Cypress, Brighton, Tampa, Trair, Naples and Fort Pierce. Dozen
of pallets of bottled water, baby supplies, toiletries, blankets, pillows, medicine, dry
foods, canned goods and other items wer collected.
Millions of Haitians are still homeless
and the death toll exceeds 150 . and the death toll exceeds 150,000 people.
For more information on the Warriors For more information on the Warriors
Club or Rez Dawgz Bike Club call President Eric Osceola at 954-744-4114, visit


Rez Dawgz President Marlon Tommie, left, and Warriors Car Club President Eric Osceola, right,
along with Robin Osceola at the Haiti relief fund along with Robin Osceola at the Haiti relief fund-
raiser.


As Nicholas Andrews gets ready to ride on a sheep, Josh Jumper explains to children that Nicholas is wearing a helmet and protective vest for body protection. They are preparing for a mut-
ton bustin' ride during the second annual Kattle Kids Day event March 20 at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress.



## Seminole Coffee Company Gets Makeover at Tribal Headquarters

The Seminole Coffee Company is sporting a new look as employee Jay Haughwont stands ready for service. Located at the Hollywood Tribal headquarters in the second fioor breakroom, the company provides an
assortment of breakfast and lunch menu items, en ergy drinks and other beverages. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

During the storytelling segment of Kattle Kids Day, Moses Jumper Jr. reveals a stirup as part of the horse saddle that Seminoles use to ride it effectively. Jumper his cattle experiences, but about the significance the" which talks not only about industry. The Tribe, according to the significance the Seminole have on the cattl industry. The Tribe, according to Jumper, is among
Florida and among the top 10 in the United States.

Big Cypress Holds Kattle Kids Day


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## Emergency Management Ready, Urges Preparedness for Busy Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season, which begins June Big Cypress, Immokalee and Naples, has over 21 years many of us who remember the devastating storms of managed operations and emergency management pro2004 and 2005 - Charley, Ivan, Frances, Jeanne, Ka- grams for the Florida and Caribbean area of responsibil-
trina and Wilma - it's time to make sure that we're well
ity. Brian also worked for Broward County Emergency trina and Wilma - it's time to make sure that we're well
prepared as we approach that time of year when tropical preparms and hurricanes are likely to develop in the Atstorms and hurricanes are likely to develop in the Atrelatively quiet year, the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season may not be so tame. Leading scientists and researchers are calling for an increased number of storms that
include several major hurricanes. include several major hurricanes. this year that will contribute to increased tropical system this yeor that will contribute to increased tropical system
development. First, the water in the Atlantic Ocean is warmer than usual. Generally, sea surface temperatures greater than 80 degrees Fahrenheit are needed for the
formation of tropical storms and hurricanes, and already formation of tropical storms and hurricanes, and already
there are some areas in the Atlantic that are at or near there are some areas in the Atlantic that are at or near
that level. Second, El Niño, the unusual area of water that level. Second, El Niño, the unusual area of water
in the Pacific Ocean that affects tropical storm development in the Atlantic, is expected to fade over the next few months. Coupled with the rise in sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic, the weakening of El Niño will
help to produce a fertile environment in which tropical help to produce a fertile environment in which tropical
storms and hurricanes can develop in the Atlantic basin storms and hurricanes can develop in the Atlantic basin.
The Department of Emergency Management, reorganized over the past year with a staff that is skilled and experienced in disaster preparedness and recovery,
is ready to help the Seminole Tribe's members and emis ready to help the Seminole Tribe's members and em-
ployees meet the challenges of the upcoming storm seaployees meet the challen
son. The staff includes:

- Director Bob Tarrant, a former officer with the Michigan State Police who has more than 35 years ex-
perience in law enforcement, emergency management perience in law enforcement, emergency management
and public safety communications. In Michigan he and pubicic safety communications. In Michate Stan he
served as the Assistant State Fire Marshal, State Director of Emergency Management, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture,
and most recently the Director of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System. tor where he specialized in inspecting and documenting or where he specialized in inspecting and documenting
$\qquad$ - Carl Fowler, Emergency Management Coordinaor for Brighton, Fort Pierce, and Tampa, has worked in emergency management at all levels of government for
over 23 years that include the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and Broward County Emergency Management where he served as the agency's training coordinator and public information officer.
Throughout the coming weeks and months, the staff how to prepareang for and survive a tropical storm or hurricane. During the past year, the department implemented several initiatives to safeguard both people and property during emergencies. These include an automated notification system that alerts Tribe officials and department events; the update of the comprehensive all hazards plan; the purchase of weather tracking and prediction ools; and the establishment of a greatly enhanced working relationship with state and local government officials to serve our mutual best in in an emergency. For more information on how to prepare for tropical storms, hurricanes, and other emergencies please
visit the Department of Emergency Management home page at http://www.stofemd.com/
In addition, during a weather or non-weather emergency you can call the Emergency Information Disaster Hotline at 1-800-617-7514 to provide and get informatio

Emergency Management Corl Fowler

- Assistant Director Lori Vun Kannon, whose 15
years of experience includes Assistant Director and years of experience includes
Director of Broward County

Emergency Management. Lori
is also past president of the is also past president of the
Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA).

- Jason Dobronz, Emer-
gency Management Coordina gency Management Coordina-
tor for Hollywood, Coconut Creek and the Trail, worked as an emergency management planner for the City of Delray
Beach and Broward County Beach and Broward County
Emergency Management. He Emergency Management. He
has a Master's Degree in emergency management planning in public adminis
Lynn University.
- Brian Barton, Emergency

Management Coordinator for



Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Responds to l-75 Truck Fire

Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Lt. David Coosaia stands on top of a charred tractor-trailer as he as
sists STFR firefighter Steven sists STFR firefighter Steven L age. As part of its mutual aid agreement with Broward County, STFR responded to a call for assistance on April 5 on Interstat 47.5 to extinguish a large truck fire. The tractor-trailer was carying 42,000 pounds of ground plastic from Chicago to Mia

## SPD, Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Host Spring Break Camp for Tribal Youngsters

## Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS
ek proved to be a fun - Spring break experience for a group of Tribal children from the Big Cypress and Holly-

With many Tribal students enjoy ing spring break from March 29-April


STFR's Jason Camardese, on ground, is rescued by Lt. Eric Fazzi left, and backup diver Lt. Albert Quinones, during a demonstration.
week-long spring break camp that was the presentation "If $y$ bal youth during geared toward the youth getting an in- then the victim will use you as a flotadepth look at their operations. tion device. The victim is only think-

Tribe Fire Rescue Spring Break Camp began with the Tribal youngsters taklic Safety of the Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Complex at the Big Cypress
Reservation, as Seminole Tribe Fire
Rescue showed the youth what it's like operate in in its field of work. "We're here
to show the kids the various as pects of SPD and
the Seminole Fir the Seminole Fire
Rescue," SPD Rescue, MPD
Officer Michele Daza said. "It's
not just about gonot just about go-
ing on field trips. We hope the kid
learn somethi learn something
from this experience."
As far as the fire rescue operations were con-
cerned, the Tribal youth saw a dive rescue exposition
from the Semi-
nole from the Semi-
nole Tribe Fire
Resue Rescue team to begin the day. The
rescue demonstration took place at
a pond near the Big Cypress Bin-
go Hall. "A l way
swim out with partner," Seminole
Firefighter Hascue ing about his survival, so he'll end up
dragging you down and both of you will die." Once the dive rescue demonstra-
Ond tion ended, it was on to the Public Safe ty Complex.
The time

The time spent at the facility touched on a tour of the Seminole Tribe
Fire Rescue emergency vehicles, land firefighter demonstration, a search and rescue operation, a physical activity training course and an emergency management lesson.
of the Public Safety Complex
"It's important for the kids to
busy and open their minds up," Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Inspector Bruce Britton said. "At the same time, the kids may want to become a firefighter one day. Hopefully, this can inspire their
dreams, if this is what they want to do when they grow up."
On March 31, the Tribal youth em On March 31, the Tribal youth em-
barked on a tour of the Broward County Sheriff's Office mounting stable. BSO deputies showed them how the BSO's

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& \text { punting unit operates. } \\
& \text { The spring break }
\end{aligned}
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up April 1, as the roughly 15 Triba youngsters went to the Broward College Institute of Public Safety in Davie.
Throughout the day, they took a tour Throughout the day, they took a tour
of the county's Police Academy, as the Tribal youth got to see for themselves what it takes to become an officer. "I'm hoping the kids learn that,
with goals and discipline, they can bewith goals and discipline, they can be-
come anything they want to be when they grow up," Daza said. "As long as
they make the right decisions and work hard, all things are possible."


Tribal youth pose with Broward Sheriff's Office deputies during the children's visit to BSO's aircraft hangar.


## Tribe Recognizes Prayer as Strength in its 4th Intercessory Gathering

BY NAII TOBIAS
BIG CYPRESS - Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Mitchell Cypress highlighted a group
Tribal officials who recently celebrated their passion for faith at the fourth Intercessory Praye Gathering at the Big Cypress Rodeo and Entertainment Building
Tribal and community members and employess from the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Tampa reservations assembled at the entertain-
ment complex March 20 to hear words of inspirament complex March 20 to hear words of inspira-
tion, prayers of encouragement and songs of joy
from several Tribal ministers and
"It should be prayer every
day," Chairman Cypress said "It's through God's strength and
knowledge we are here. The only knowledge we are here. The only
reason why we're here today is reason why we're here today is
because of the strength of God.' Chairman Cypress tapped Rev. Wonder Johns about two years ago to host a prayer gath-
ering designed to bring together ering designed to bring togethe
Tribal ministers from all reservaTribal ministers from all reserva-
tions. Rev. Johns said he is grateful to the chairman for asking him to organize the event. "I thought this was a grea
opportunity for Mitchell opportunity for Mitchell to open
the doors for all our ministers o start prayer for " Rev, Johns said of the prayer gatherings, which first started in 2008. "The door is open to wo
and pray to Him,"
Rev. Johns op
with a prayer and the event Cypress and Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress encouraged attendees to remain strong in their faith. Brighton pastor Rev. Matt Tiger and Shelli Billie Tiger presented a series of English and Indian gospel hymns, and Tribal ministers read chain of prayers.
Rev. Arlen J. Payne, the Big
Cypress New Testament Baptist Church's pastor and the event's keynote speaker, said forme Tribal leader Bill Osceola and others relied on a higher author-
ity to help carry them throug ity to help carry them through
life. The reverend gave attend life. The reverend gave attend-
ees advice on how to get through challenging situations and spoke of how Joshua, a war hero in
Biblical times, was told to be strong and of good courage


## Tribal Citizens Support Music Foundation



Tribal citizen Richard Osceola and son Billy Frank, second and third from left, ogether with Bonita Sprigs Mayor ohn Spear, far rigi, moaning and ses and charitable support to benefit several local charities including Music for Minors Foundation. The event showcases local and national talent this year featuring acts such as Motor City Josh and the Big Three and Albert Castiglia.

## SAFETY CORNER

## Drivers Knowledge Review Safety Tips

Arriving on the scene of an accident that involves a death most often leads an emergency
responder to believe that this tragedy may have been prevented if one of these following rules were heeded: Wear a seatbelt and DO NOT speed. Nonetheless, Tribal members and employees have always expressed their interest in the dangers
of driving and keeping up with the laws and penalof driving and keeping up with the laws and penal-
ties for various infractions. As a result, Seminole ties for various infractions. As a result, Seminole
Tribe Fire Rescue and the Seminole Police Department have once again collaborated to design a presentation, based in part on the NFPA Risk Watch Program curriculum on "Vehicle Safety" that would answer most of these questions. Here
is some of the basic information that was disis some of the basic information that was dis-
cussed. However, we are not legal experts and an attorney-at-law should be consulted for legal advice.

## Laws and penalties

- Drivers License Renewal - You may renew a current Florida Drivers License online or via these methods, you are required to provide a primary form of ID, proof of social security number and two forms of proof of address.
- Seatbelts - ALL passengers must wear a
tbelt ( $\$ 30$ fine). Motor vehicle crashes is the seatbelt ( $\$ 30$ fine). Motor vehicle crashes is the
leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 14 . Child restraint seats are required for children 3 years old and under and booster seats for children 5 years old and under. Children 12 years old and under are recommended to sit in rear passenger
seats (due to the risk of death from the front seat air bag deployment which produces a deadly force).
- Move Over Law - Motorists must move out
of the lane next to the stopped emergency vehicle and reduce their speed 20 mph less than the posted
maximum speed limit ( $\$ 120$ fine and 3-point infraction). This is to prevent law enforcement officers and emergency responders from being killed or seriously injured.
- School Buses (stopped with lights), School
Zones \& Construction Zones - Speeding fines are Zones \& Construction Zones - Speeding fines are
doubled (More than 30 mph is $\$ 550$ ), 4-point infraction and court appearance.
- Vehicle Accident - The parties involved must stop, help injured, provide information (name, address and registration), do not leave the
scene if injuries occurred (D) revoked), and rescene if injuries occurred (DL revoked), and re-
port to police if damages are $\$ 500$ or more One port to police if damages are $\$ 500$ or more. One
of the most common causes for accidents is cell phone usage/text messaging while driving. -DUI - The "Implied Consent Law", which is a signed driver license, means that you agree
to a blood, urine or breath test. The first refusal is a 1 year suspension and the second refusal is
18 months. This infraction remains on a DL for 75 years. A second DUI mandates an "ignition interlock", device on your vehicle. There is Zero Tolerance for drivers 21 years old and under with a 0.2 blood alcohol level and higher (which means
not even a single drink). The average cost of legal not even a single drink). The average cost of legal
fees, fines and insurance increase may be as much fees, fines and insurance increase may be as much
as $\$ 8,000$.
A Drivers Improvement Course, which is offered by Richard Smith, is free to Tribal members
and discounted for Tribal employees 55 and older. The course can eliminate points, lower your car insurance by 10 percent for three years and restation.


## COMMUNITY EASTER

## Seniors Celebrate Meaning of Easter

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - Tribal seniors too aittle time for games, fun and to reflect on Senior Center.

The day hunt, a basket and egg cash bingo, an egg and lunch. Jr. and Hollywood Tribal Richard Bowers B. Osceola Jr also provided cil etary door prizes for the March 25 event. died on the cross for us and Jesus Chris rected," Tribal senior Jimmy Hank Osceol said. "People celebrate it different ways bu it all goes back to our savior dying on a cros for our sins in the end."

According to Christian scriptures, Jesus day after his crucifixion. Many Christians celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday, which is also known as Res
many Christians, Easter remains the most important annual religious date of the year "To me Jesus Christ was sent here as our supreme being. He died for everything and that is the way it was supposed to be. He was tortured for no real cause but to me
it is all most holy and the most sacred cause there is," Alice Tucker added.
Falling two days after Good Friday and three days after Maundy Thursday, the chronology of Jesus' death and his resurrection has been interpreted to fall between A.D. 26
and A.D. 36 . Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. It also marks the end of Lent, the season of fasting, prayer, and penance. "At one time I thought it was about hunting eggs, and then missionaries came in my life and taught me what its true mean-
ing is," senior Judy Baker said. "At one time ing is," senior Judy Baker said. "At one time
we were all separated from God by our sins. He resurrected from the dead and showed us about true power. If people believe in Him, ne day be resurrected

## Results:

Golden Egg winner (Women): Maggie Osceola
Egg hunt contest (women): 1. Jane Doctor, 2. Maggie Osceola, 3. Betty Osceola Egen Egg winner (Men): Johnny Tucker
Egg hunt contest (men): 1. Jimmy H. Osceola, 2. Paul Buster, 3. Joe P. Billie Basket decorating (women): 1. Minnie Doctor, 2. Maydell Osceola, 3. Mary Gay Osceola Basket decorating (men): 1. Stephen Bowers, 2. Johnny Tucker, 3. Paul Buster Egg decorating (women): 1. Mary Gay Osceola, 2. Maydell Osceola, 3. Betty Osceola
Egg decorating (men): 1. Stephen Bowers, 2. Paul Buster Egg decorating (men): 1. Stephen Bowers, 2. Paul Buster


The women and men race


## Immokalee Celebrates Easter With Egg Hunt, Carnival

IMMOKALEE - A torrential downpour delayed the Immokalee Easter festivities for several hours but it didn't dampe the spirits of the community, which celebr
ed Easter with an egg hunt and carnival. ed Easter with an egg hunt and carnival.
When the sun finally broke through the clouds, the field was cordoned off by age groups and the eggs were scattered
across the ground across the ground. As the whistle blew, the crowd of spectators cheered
and offered encouragement to the and offered encouragement to the
competitors. Infants and 1-year-olds advanced in pushed strollers, while a young
family member assisted in gathering family member assisted in gathering
the eggs on their behalf. the eggs on their behalf.
The scenario changed with the 2 and 4 -year-olds. They could receive help with carrying the basket but
frustrated family members couldn't touch the eggs. Laughter abounded as the little ones refused to give up their gan throwing them out on the ground
to start over. One curious child at-
tempted to take a bite out of the egg and to provided an opportunity to win several exhis surprise, discovered that it wasn't real. travagant Easter baskets. competition became more intense. Stretch- by a carnival with a wide selection of new ing out and rocking back and forth, the egg rides. Custom T-shirts were designed and hunters waited anxiously at the starting line. created on site while the group enjoyed a
When the signal came, they were off to the lunch served hot off the grill A makeup artWhen the signal came, they were off to the $\begin{aligned} & \text { lunch served hot off the grill. A makeup art- } \\ & \text { ist transformed the younger generation with }\end{aligned}$
races. Cash awards were given to the top three ist transformed the youn egg collectors in each age group and a raffle

The Easter Egg Hunt resulted in the following winners: Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow, 2. Linda Frank, 3. Elaine Aguilar.
$0-1$ : Girls: 1 . Isis Rodriguez
0-1: Girls: 1. Isis Rodriguez, 2. Shyla Mata, 3. Remy Rodriguez. Boys: 1. Elijah Yzaguirre. 2. Daniel 2-4: Girls: 1. Makayla Mata, 2. Denise Gonzalez, 3. Angelina Yzaguirre. Boys: 1. T.C.Sanchez, 2. Fred 5-7: Girls: 1. Shyanna Escobar, 2. Ava Nunez, 3. Randan Osceola. Boys: 1. Haden Grimaldo, 2. Ozzie
Garza. Girls: 1. Haley Hollaway, 2. Cartaya Billie, 3. Jillian Rodriguez. Boys: 1. Troy Cantu, 2. Dennis Gonzals, 1 . 1 A 1 Ag a
12-17: Giris. 1. Ashiey Faz, 2. Alexis Aguilar, 3. Caniah Yzaguirre. Boys: 1. Michael Shaffer, 2. Kenny 18-35: Women: 1. Victoria M
. (tie) Cecilia Pequeno and Josie Davis. Men: 1. Michael Mata, 2 36-54: Women: 1. Becky Yzaguirre, 2. Virginia Billie, 3. Amy Clay. Men: 1. Kenny Joe Davis, Sr., 2.
Raymond Garza, Sr. Raymond Garza, Sr.

## Big Cypress Preschoolers Participate in Egg Hunt, Party to Celebrate Easter

## BY NAII TOBIAS

 Staff ReporterBIG CYPRESS - Preschool students from the Big Cypress Reservation took part in the 11th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration on April 1. Focusing on finding Easter eggs on the playground
 take much time tom. At the conclusion of the 30 -minute search from all three classes, the winners from each group were announced and they went on to eat a hearty lunch. Ofelia Hernandez, the preschool's lead teacher for
the 2 -year-old group, was all smiles as the toddlers en the 2 -year-old group, was all smiles as the toddlers en-
joyed hunting for the missing eggs.
Hernandez offered her take on the event not long
before the preschoolers were let out of school early before the preschoolers were let out of school early.
"We're just celebrating Easter for the children,"

Hernandez said. "It's for them to have fun. You never
know; some of them may not even get to enjoy the holiknow; some of them may not even get to enjoy the holidays at home.
The Prescl ervance of the Good Friday and Easter holidays. Their spring break was April 5-9.

## 1-year-old class Easter Egg Hunt Results <br> 1-year-old class Golden Egg: 1. Av

Golden Egg: 1. Avahny Jim; Most Eggs: 1. Savanna Cy-
press -19 eggs; Least Eggs: 1 . Thelma Tigertail - 13 eg 2 -year-old class
Golden Egg: 1 . Solomon Stanly Cypress; Most Eggs: 1.
Laylah Billie -25 eggs; Least Eggs: 1 Gibert Guerro Laylah Billie - 25 eggs; Least Eggs: 1. Gilbert Guerrero egg.
3 -year-old class
Golden Egg: 1. Leighton Jim; Most Eggs: 1. Emma Dicarlo; Least Eggs: Aaliyah Billie - 13 eggs.

## Brighton Seniors Celebrate Easter



Alice Sweat reaches high to collect one of the many hidden eggs during Brighton's senior Easter celebration April 1 that included several games of bingo and a lunch held at the Senior Center


Reuben Billie counts the eggs his younger sister, Emma Dicarlo, 3, picked up at the Easter Egg Hunt.


Solomon Stanley Cypress, 2, picks up eggs with
the assistance
Easter Brings Ft. Pierce Community Together


Roughly 50 Fort Pierce community members gathered at the Chupco Youth Ranch to celebrate Easter as a family. The youth got in the spirit and colored over four dozen eggs before being set free to hunt Easter eggs filled with holiday


## Big Cypress Youth Celebrates Amazing Teen Race EGGStravaganza

## BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS CYPRESS agers was BIE CYP the Big Cypress with a variReservation took advantage of sev- for each of eral Easter-themed activities at the the race's
first-ever Amazing Teen Race EGG- nine staStravaganza. tions. The Six groups of Tribal youth load- clues were
ed up in separate vans at the Herman sealed ed up in separate vans at the Herman April 8 as the race started to take full course.
The Tribal children took full advantage of their half-day at the Ahfachkee School, making sure
to enjoy the event, which was made possible by the Big Cypress Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth O
to Help) Committee.

The Y.O.U.T.H. Committee, which consists of a conglomerate of Big Cypress departments (Semi-
nole Police Department the nole Police Department, the Com-
munity Center, Recreation, Wellness, Library, Education, Boys and Girls Club, Tribal Council and the Ahfachkee School) geared toward enhancing opportunities for the
Tribal youth, carefully assembled Tribal youth, carefully assembled increase their critical thinking, education and fitness abilities With stops at locations such as did it the right way. Not only was it the Fitness Dome, the Big Cypress tant positives we got from this exSenior Center and the Big Cypress Community Center, each team of Also at the Amazing Teen Race


About 6,000 eggs were hid outside the Big Cypress Community center for the Tribal youth to find during the EGGstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt on April 8.

## Brighton Preschool Hosts Easter Festivities



Brighton preschool students take off in search for colorful Easter eggs at the preschool March 25. Classes took turns search ing for eggs including the winning golden egg, and then got a chance to visit and pose for pictures with the Easter Bunny ing for eg
himself.


Immokalee Seniors Celebrate Easter


Visiting friends joined the Immokalee seniors for an Easter party on April 6 at the ballpark chickee. An egg hunt provided participants with an opportunity to seek out special eggs with cash prizes and gift cards. The seniors also participated in games of egg toss and musical chairs. After the lunch buffet, the partygoers shared colorfully decorated Easter desserts.

## Big Cypress Community Celebrates Easter With Face Painting, Luncheon



Paul "Cowbone" Buster and the Cowbone Band sing Easter-themed gospel songs prior to the start of the Big Cypress Community Easter Luncheon on April 1 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.


Tribal members and employees, many with their faces painted, wait for lunch to be served.

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## Big Cypress Seniors Celebrate Easter with Bingo, Egg Hunt and Party

BINGO WINNERS
Game 1: 1. Jane Freeman (single bingo); Game 2: 1. Bess Bowlegs (single bingo); Game 3: 1 (tie). Peggy Osceola, Carol Cypress Claudia Doctor and Joe Billie (double
bingo); Game 4:1 (tie) Jane Freem bingo); Game 4: 1 (tie). Jane Freeman, Laura Clay, Judy Osceoola, Bess Bowlegs and Ella
Billie.

EASTER BASKET WINNERS 1. Mary L. Johns, 2. Carol Cypress, 3. Nancy Billie, 4. Louise Billie, 5. Claudia Doctor, 6 . Ruby Osceola.

EASTER EGG HUNT WINNERS
Most Eggs - Women: 1. Lucille Jumper; Most Eggs - Men: 1. Paul Bowers Sr.
Note: Carol Cypress won the Easter candies guessing game, as she said there were a
total of 425 candies in the candy jar. Of all total of 425 candies in the candy jar. Of all
the seniors, Cypress guessed the closest, without going over, to the actual number of 468.


Charlotte Linda Tommie, left, helps Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., right, count the eggs he gathered, which turns out to be the most in the men's category at the Big Cypress Seniors Easter Party on March 31.


From left, Tribal seniors and Easter basket winners Ruby Osceola, Claudia Doctor, Louise Billie, Nancy Billie, Carol Cypress and Mary L. Johns.
Hollywood Youth Easter Egg Hunt/Dinner


Hollywood Youth Center Counselor and event organizer Patricia Stirrup, back left, with the Easter Bunny and community youth during the Easter egg hunt and dinner at the Seminole recreation gym April 2. The Youth
Center sponsored the event and had more than 30 youth in attendance with festivities including an egg hunt, Center sponsored the event and had more than 30 youth in attendance with festivities including an egg hunt,
bounce house and Easter baskets.

Brighton Community Hunts for Easter Eggs


Jaime Smith, left, and LaShae King were among the Tribal youth who celebrated the first day of Spring Break as they participated in Brighton's Community Easter Egg Hunt March 26 outside the Brighton Gymnasium. The children were separated into age groups and raced to
collect as many eggs as possible all while looking for the prize-winning egg.


Daven Buck collects as many eggs as he can


Kayven Osceola-Emily displays the eggs he collected.

Immokalee Preschoolers Participate in Easter Party


Following an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the Immokalee Preschool on March 26, students Wave a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny. Prizes were rewarded for the most eggs collected. Party favors and sweet treats accompanied a special holiday lunch.

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Vicki Pratt, right, the wife of Rev. Bruce Pratt, engaged the Tribal youth in a book discussion at "Easter Story Time" April 1. With the Tribal youngsters listening intently to Pratt's storytelling session at the Big Cypress Library's Learning Resource Center, the story gave a depiction of such happenings as the Last Supper and the events leading


## Students Enjoy Easter Story Time at Big Cypress Library



Big Cypress Library curator Gretchen Debree, left, wished the Tribal youth a Happy Easter holiday weekend as they exited the Learning Resource Center with their arts and crafts in possession.


Big Cypress First Baptist Church pastor
of Tribal youngsters in a word of prayer.

Tribal Youth Excels at State Science Fair

## BY RACHEL BUXTON <br> Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON - Tribal student Kirsten Doney impressed the judges at the State Science and Engineering Fair, bringing home the third-place ribbon in the junior chemistry division for her projThe state fair was April 7-9 at the Orlando Convention Cente and consisted of two rounds of judging with a total of 850 contes tants.
Doney, an eighth grader at Yearling Middle School, worked fairs held in Okeechobals after placing first in three consecutiv county fair held at Osceola Middle School, and the regional fai at the Brighton Veterans' Building. Doney said early on she se the goal for herself to make it all the way to the state competition
"I studied my topic and did a lot of research," said Doney. "I "I studied my topic and did a lot of research,"
The purpose of Doney's experiment was to determine which sports drink contained the highest concentration of electrolytes Doney said she came up with the idea after searching online sports-related projects that were challenging and interesting.
The electrolyte concentration was established by measuri he conductance of ions in the sports drink through the use of a the conductance of ions in the sports drink through allige use of a
device created from a 9 -volt battery, battery clip, plastic tubing and copper wires.
Doney not only won first place at the school and county level
science fairs, but also won Best in Show for her entire category at both. Judges asked Doney questions regarding how she conducted Judges asked Doney questions regarding how she conducted
her experiment and trials along with questions about her math calculations and standard deviations.
"The school one I was nervous," said Doney. "It was my first science fair that I had to actually do as a project Being her first science fair project, Doney decided to pick a fair when she enters in the Senior division. ter and was absolutely amazed at her hard work and dedication
throughout the entire project.
"I think it is a great accomplishment for me," Kirsten Doney said. And tutors kept ents and tutors kept encouraging me on." Just
moving forward and success will come."
Tribal strdent fair with her project "Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz: What Do you Think the Reaction Time is?" and received fourth place.


Kirsten Doney with Chairman Mitchell Cypress at the Regional Science Fair held at the Brighton Veterans' Building.

## Ahfachkee School's Tequesta Tiger is First Student to Make Chairman's Honor Roll

Tribal School's End-of-Third-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony Honors Students in Multiple Categories

BIG CYPRESS - The Ahfachkee School has made significant scholastic strides sinc
2010 academic year began last August.
In about eight months and three academic quar ters, 76 students achieved honor roll status and one of them reached the highest academic recognition possible - the Chairman's Honor Roll. Ali of the honorees were recognized at the Ah Tiger being the first Ahfachkee School student to have achieved this prestigious honor for the academic year this far.
For the third quarter, Tiger achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. As of this past grading period, the ninth-grade Tribal student has achieved a
3.66 cumulative GPA.
"I've been getting Tiger said. "But I knew in order to continue getting better, I had to be focused on my academics every day."
Considered by those close to her as a goalgrades high so that she could gain acceptance into grades high so that she could gain acceptance into
college. She wants to place her emphasis on becoming a cultural and animation artist someday. ter," Ahnach Tequesta was going to get it this quarter," Ahfachkee Art Teacher Ivette Lopez said of her. "Tequesta demonstrates her art talents every-
day. She's always creative and inspiring with her artwork."
well, All of that seemingly translates to the home as Aide Kara Tiger, ser, Ahfachkee Pre-K Teacher
"When I ask Tequesta about her schoolwork, l's always already done," Kara Tiger said of her homework before she gets home everyday does her works very hard on everything she does. It's always 100 percent for her." Roll, Tequesta Tiger received an Ahfachkee Warriors Chairman's Honor Roll commemorative shirt, a Warriors FCAT T-shirt and the Chairman's Honor Roll Tag. With the special tag, Tequesta Tiger gains
special school privileges, including the right to get out of school early on Fridays. Tequesta Tiger won the Citizenship Award and e Ea-pon-ke (Culture) Award for the third quarter In all, Tequesta Tiger and her fellow students capped a very successful nine-week grading period,
to the delight of Ahfachkee School staff members, including ESE Coordinator Jillian Francis. "I'm extremely proud of the progress that all of our students have made for the third nine weeks," Francis said. "I hope they continue on for the last
nine weeks and end the year on a great note." ne weeks and end the year on a great note."
The 2009-2010 academic year for the Ahfachkee School ends June 3. The End-of-Fourth-Nine Weeks Awards Ceremony, as well as the eighth and 12 th grade graduation ceremonies, will be held on The kinder

The kindergarten graduation ceremony will convene on Wednesday, June 2 - a day before the
school year is completed.


Tequesta Tiger displays an art engraving of a lone soarbird as she poses with Ahfachkee School teacher lvette Lopez.

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Awards Recipients

Kindergarten Effort
Pherian Baker
Karlyne Urbina Caleb Burton
Tatiana Torres Caitlyn Olivarez Hawk Micco Jahcole Arnold
Diego Meras Diego Meras Zion Romine
Jaime Smith LaShae King

Kindergarten Citizenship
Tadan Santiago
Kayven Emley
Corey Jumper
Lupe Mora-Lar
Joss Youngblood
Mariah Garner
Kalyn Hammi
Kyra Toneges
Leilani Burton
Dathen Garcia
Alice Osceola
Kindergarten Improvement
Warrik Billie
Reese Davis
Hannah Moss
Elle Thomas
Jason Webber
Alanis Baker
Tammy Martinez
Jaytron Baker
Tehya Howard
Accelerated Reader Buzzing Bees
Pherian Baker
Warrik Billie
Tatiana Torres
Brillant Bears
Pherian Baker
Warrik Billie
Caleb Burton
Kayven Emley
Hannah Moss
Tadan Santiago
Tadan Santiago
Karlyne Urbina
Tatiana Torres
Jorey Jumper Arnold
Jahcole Arnold
Hawk Micco
Joss Youngblood
Leilani Burton
Tama Howard
Jaytron Baker
Diego Meras
Kyra Toneges
Zind
Fante Thomas
Elle Thomas
Hannah Mos
Tadan Santiago
Kalyn Hammil
Dazzling Duck
Reese Davis
100's Club
Elle Thomas
Kalyn Hammil
Jason Webber
Kindergarten Creek Clas
Lorene Gopher's Class
Most Improved - Warrik Billie Best Writing Skills - Tatiana Torres Effort - Kalyn Hammil

KG Jenny Shore's Class
Most Improved - Jaime Smith Best Writing Skills - Zion Romine Effort - Joss Youngblood Best Creek Speaker - Jaytron Baker

Nancergarten Arts Most Improved - Zion Romin Crattsmanship - Alice Osceol Effort - Karlyne Urbina

First Grade Effort
Ramone Baker
Tanner Shore
Tanner Shore
Haylie Huff
Haylie Huff
Hyatt Pearce
Davin Carrillo
Jahbahn Arnold
Destiny Elliott
Kiowa Garcia
Daven Buck
Daven Buck
Kanyon Billie
First Grade Citizenship
Heith Lawrence
Ryanna Osceola
Ryanna Osceola
Ivory Herrera
Kaiden Sampson
Kuby Osceola
Kobe Jimmie
Jayton Baker
Caylie Huff
Caylie Huff
Alyssa Gonzalez
Aubee Billie
John Beck
First Grade Improvement
Ta-fv Harris
Billy Bailey
Jaylen Baker
Laila Bennett
Todd Pierce
Mariah Billie
Justin Gopher
Morgan Yates
Morgan Yates
Shaela French
First Grade Accelerated Readers (10 AR books or more w/ 80\% accuracy)
John Beck
Aubee Billie
Kanyon Billie
Kanyon Bullie
Daven Buck
Dalence Carrillo
Shaela French
Jagger Gaucin
Alyssa Gonzalez
Hunter Howard
Morgan Yates
Haylie Huff
Billy Bailey
Ramone Baker
Hyatt Pearce
Hyatt Pearce
Ruby Osceola
Ruby Osceola
Tanner Shore
Ivory Herrera
Heith Lawrence
Jahbahn Arnold
Laila Bennett
Caylie Huff
Mariah Billie
Todd Pierce
Justin Gopher
Destiny Elliott
First Grade Creek Clas Morene Gopher's Class Best Writing Skills - Ruby Osceol Effort - Kanyon Billie
Best Creek Speaker - Jaylen Baker
First Grade Creek Class
Jenny Shore's Class
Most Improved - Kiowa Garcia Best Writing Skills - Jahbahn Arnold Effort - Mariah Billie
Best Creek Speaker - Jagger Gaucin
First Grade Arts and Crafts Class Nancy Shore's Class
Most Improved - Billy Bailey
Craftsmanship - Aubee Billie
Effort - Alyssa Gonzalez
Best Creek Speaker - Heith Lawrenc
First Grade History Class
Most Improved - Jayton Baker \& Alyssa Gonzalez
Effort - Laila Bennett \& Ramone Baker Achievement - Destiny Elliott \& John Beck
econd Grade Effort
Jason Sampson
Bevyn Billie
Edward Gaucin
Kamani Smith
Donovan Harris


Dante
Thomas
Robert Robert
Harris Harris
Kai Osceo
Jacee Kaice
Jumper
Jusee Jumper
Caillou
Smith

## Smith

Second
Grade Citizenship
Shyla Shyla
Gopher Gopher Nyah
Davidson
Ozzy Ozzy Eecho Billie Kaleb
Doctor Doctor
Malcolm Malcolm
Jones Dakota Micco Mallorie
Thomas Thomas Katie Beck
Savannah Fish
Madisyn
Osceola
Silas Madrigal
Myron Billie
Keira French
Keira French
Waylynn Bennett
Jarrett Bert
Second Grade Improvement
Araya Youngblood
Tavis Jumper
Tucker Johns
Kamani Smith
Luzana Venzor
Brienna Brockman
Robert Harris
Kai Osceola
Aleah Turtle
Jarrett Bert
Second Grade AR (met 9week goal) Jarrett Bert
Spelling Bee Classroom Winners
Tucker Johns
Savannah Fish
Katie Beck
Dante Thomas
Second Grade Creek Clas
Lorene Gopher's Class
Most Improved - Ozzy Osceola
Best Writing Skills - Nyah Davidson
Effort - Jason Sampson
Second Grade Jenny Shore's Clas Most Improved - Donovan Harris Best Writing Skills - Kamani Smith Effort - Jacee Jumper
Best Creek Speaker - Luzana Venzor
Second Grade Arts and Crafts Class Nancy Shore's Class
Most Improved - Robert Harris Craftsmanship - Burgundy Pierce Effort - Savannah Fish
Best Creek Speaker - S

Second Grade History Class
Most Improved - Blake Baker \& Jarrett Bert
Effort - Jacee Jumper \& Logan Ortiz
Achievement - Savannah Fish \& Luzana Venzor
Third Grade Effort
Sheldon Garcia
Alicia Fudge
Andrew Fish
Gage Riddle
Gage Riddle
Kano Puente
Lance Howard
Joshlynn Micco
Cady Osceola
Conner Thomas
Aidan Tommie
Ridge Bailey
Ridge Bailey
Drake Lawrenc
Joseph Toneges


Rudy Juarez
Jalynn Jones

Third Grade Citizenship
Oscar Yates
Satie Rico
Keely Billie
Tyler Howard
Tyler Howard
Drake Lawrence
Drake Lawrence
Joshlynn Micco
Raeley Matthews
Alyke Baker
Aleina Micco
Krysta Burton
Lance Howard
Lance Howa
Billy Yates
Third Grade Accelerated Reader (Met
AR goal w/ 85\% accuracy)
Drake Lawrence
Raeley Matthew
Aidan Tommie
Paige Micco
Krysta Burton
Alicia Fudge
Ridge Bailey
Keely Billie
Keely Billie
Gage Riddle
Gage Riddle
Kano Puente
Kano Puente
Oscar Yates
Satie Rico
Tyler Howard
Spelling Bee Classroom Winners Lucas Osceola

Third Grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4)
Andrew Fish
Tyler Howard
Lucas Osceola
Lucas Osceola
Oscar Yates
Gage Riddle
Ridge Bailey
Krysta Burton
Joseph Toneges
Billy Yates
Billy Yates
Third Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9)
Keely Billie
Alicia Fudge
Kano Puente
Alyke Baker
Aleina Micco
Aleina Micco
Cady Osceola
Conner Thomas
Aidan Tommie
Third Grade Gold Award (4.0) Satie Rico
Raeley Matthews
Third Grade Creek Clas
Lorene Gopher's Class
Most Improved - Tyler Howard
Best Writing Skills - Satie Rico Effort - Oscar Yates

Third Grade Jenny Shore's Clas
Most Improved - Ridge Bailey Best Writing Skills - Raeley Matthews Effort - Cady Osceola
Best Creek Speaker- Lance Howard
Third Grade Arts and Nancy Shore's Class Craftsmanship - Aleina Micc Effort - Joseph Toneges
Best Creek Speaker - Alyke Baker

Third Grade History Class Most Improved - Lance Howard \&
Keely Billie
Keely Billie
Effort - Joseph Toneges \& Tyler
Howard
Achievement - Aidan Tommie \&
Alicia Fudge
Fourth Grade Effort
Dalton Girtman
Cheyenne Fish
Cheyenne Fish
Chloe Chalfant
Isaac Osceola
Sunni Bearden
Morgan King
Elijah Billie
Richard Harris
Jalynn Jones
Bly Davidson
Bly Davidson
Pernell Bert
Fourth Grade Citizenship
Aiyana Tommie
Easton Moss
Cyrus Smedley
Brady Rhodes
Logan Ortiz
Joseph Osceola
Rylee Smith
Rylee Smith
Camryn Thom
Richard Harris

Fourth Grade Accelerated Reader (Met
AR goal w/ 85\% accuracy)
Logan Ortiz
Michael Girtman
Richard Harris
Rudy Juarez
Rylee Smith
Camryn Thomas
Brian Bishop
Chloe Chalfant
Cheyenne Fish
Cheyenne Fish
Dalton Girtman
Easton Moss
Dyami Nelson
Isaac Osceola
Chandler Pearce
Brady Rodes
Cyrus Smedley
Layne Thomas
Fourth Grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4)
Chloe Chalfant
Dyami Nelson
Isaac Osceola
Brady Rhodes
vess Baker
Michael Girtman
Krystal Tonege
Fourth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9)
Layne Thomas
Joseph Osceola
Camryn Thom
Fourth Grade Gold Award(Straight A'S
-4.0)
Chandler Pearce
Aiyana Tommi
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Spelling Bee Classroom Winners
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Effort - Marquis Fudge
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Most Improved - Marquis Fudge
Craftsmanship - Camryn Thomas
Effort - Michael Girtman
Best Creek Speaker- Sunni Bearden
Fourth Grade History Class
Most Improved - Richard Harris \& Dalton
Girtman
Effort - Michael Girtman \& Easton Moss
Achievement - Krystal Toneges \& Chloe
ifth Grade Effort
Drayton Billie
 "We had fun learning about making a book," Cypress said of the recen sessions. "We would like to try it again.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Students

 Experience the Past at Culture Day from an anim
ing session.

## Students Compete to Become Ultimate FCAT Survivor

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - After months of preparation and a week of
intense FCAT testing, students at Pemayetv Emahakk left the class-
room and teamed up with a parent or fellow student to compete in
the school's annual FCAT Survival Day.
The event featured a football throw, bean bag toss, T-ball chal-
lenge and basketball throw. It was organized March 25 at the Brigh-
ton gym and softball fields by physical education teachers Pam
Matthews and Chris Goodwin in an effort to get the students out
of the classroom and involved in friendly competition and physical
activity.
"It just gives them a chance to let off some steam," sixth-grade
teacher Renee Finney said. "tt is a really good stress reliever."
Teams competed in 10 challenges with the top 10 teams from
each individual challenge racing in one final challenge in front of
the entire school, all striving for the top honor of being named the
"ultimate survivors."
The top teams raced by tying ropes, building bridges out of
exercise mats, throwing bean bags through hula hoops worn by their
teammate and then racing to the finish doing a three-legged carpet
walk followed by a single basketball lay up.
Zeke Matthews, with the help of his uncle Raymond Lowe,
beat out the competition and became the "ultimate survivors."
"This gives the students the opportunity to show parents what
they've been doing in P.E.," Finney said. "It's a way to do fun things
and to stay physically fit together."
Following a traditional lunch, sixth graders went head-to-head


Diamo
throw.
with Pemayetv Emahakv's teachers and staff in a kickball It was a stiff match with the students holding the lead at 7-2 goying the game 7-7 forcing the game into a 10th inning. Neithe team was able to score a run and the 2010 students vs. teacher kickball game was called a tie.


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## BY RACHEL BUXTON

BRIGHTON
Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School learned about their ancestral past through traditional Seminole activities during the school's
annual Culture Day The event at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena Culture Camp included basic Seminole teachings such as cooking and carving.
Girls cooked fry bread from scratch. They made the dough and placed it into a pot over an open fire under the cooking
chickee. Older boys carved wooden chickee. Older boys carved wooden hatch-
ets and younger boys created animals from bars of soap.
A new traditional and advanced activ-
ity was added to the camp this year orgaity was added to the camp this year orga-
nized by the Culture Department. Culture teacher Martha Jones demonstrated to the sixth graders the proper technique of butch-
ering a pig.
"A lot of now in class cannot
be shown every day in
class," culture history
teacher Jade Braswell
said "They need more
 tradition that was typi-
cally passed down from


The young girls learn the trick to mixing fry bread dough properly.
 said. "They need more
hands on and that's why
we bring the we bring them here so
they can learn about
who they really ane who they really are and
where they came from" where they came from.
The March 2
Thent event also featured scavenger hunt that was designed to test stu-
dents' Creek language
skills. Students had to skills. Students had to
translate clues written translate clues written
in Creek and then had to in Creek and then haound
make their way arou
the arena looking for the next clue.
Tribal member Tribal member
Herbert Jim traveled
from the Tampa Reserfrom the Tampa Reser-
vation to share legends Fachel
grandparents and uncles. Jim spoke to the students about the lesson of the Creator and
about giving thanks for all that they have. "When you get older, you can pass it on
to your children," student Rumor Juarez said about learning Seminole lessons. "If you The Culture Camp teachings coincid with what the students are learning in their culture classes. The Charter School recently added wood carving to their arts and crafts class, and planting a traditional Seminole garden activity to their culture history class. Braswell said the Culture Department
is trying to hit the students from all angels is trying to hit the students from all angels
when it comes to Seminole culture. "It's truly, truly important," Tribal member and Charter School volunteer D'Anna Osceola said about the students learning their heritage. "It's everything and don't live it and show it, then it's just kind of like, 'yes you are, but where is it?' This is a really good thing what we have out here."
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE - THIRD QUARTER (Jan. 19 March 24)
 Elise Brown, 3. Craig Huckabee; $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade: 1. Issiah Alvarado; $4^{\text {th }}$
Grade: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Eyanna Billie, 3. Jathaniel Brooks Kevin Ivey; $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Corbin Billie, 3. GraySun Billie; $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Bradley Osceola.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - FCAT TESTING PERIOD (March 9-17)
Note: Class teacher's last name is in bold format and in parenthesis (Pre-K through $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade ONLY)
ry); 1. Dayne Billie, 2. Javian Cypress, 3. Jaylee Cypress, 4 Keitharry), 1. Dayne Billie, 2. Javian Cypress, 3. Jaylee Cypress, 4. Keithana
Onco 5. Miguel Reynosa, 6. Andrea Ryland (Stoots); Kindergarten: 1. Talia Billie, 2. Evan Cypress, 3. Daleen Osceola, 4. Billie Sontino
(Huckabee); 1. Nicholus Andrews, 2. Athena Bert, 3. Dacia Osceola 4. (Huckabee); 1. Nicholus Andrews, 2 . Athena Bert, 3. Dacia Osceola, 4 Aguilar, 2. Hermione Calderon, 3. Kamari Ivey, 4. Canaan Jumper, 5 Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 6. Brandi Osceola, 7. Leo Osceola, 8. Amaya Solano (Paige); 2nd Grade: 1. Jalycia Billie, 2. Richard Billie, 3. Elise Brown, 4. Craig Huckabee, 5. Kylen Jumper, 6. Gregorio Reynosa, 7 .
Nigel Wells (Caldwell); $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade: 1 Edward Aguilar, 2 Katessa Kirk land, 3. Klayton Tyler Milicevic, 4. Chynna Villarreal (Kittredge); 1 Issiah Alvarado, 2. Chaska Osceola, 3. Mariah Smith (Tiger); $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Eyanna Lee Billie, 3. Jathaniel Brooks, 4. Kevin Ivey, 5. Dayra Koenes. 6. Jared McInturff, 7. Celia Reynosa, 8 . Stepha-
nie Vargas 9. 9 . Annabelle Whiteshield, 10. Trinity Williams (Schmitt); $5^{\text {th }}$ nie Vargas, 9. Annabelle Whiteshield, 10. Trinity Williams (Schmitt); $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Roderick Bert, 3. Corbin Billie, 4. Gray-
Sun Billie, 5. Noshoba Gonzales, 6. Micha Hargis, 7. Samantha Vargas (Grinis); $\boldsymbol{6}^{\text {th }}$ through 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1. Chelsey Alvarado, 2. LiSandra (Grinis); ${ }^{\text {berrer, through, }}$. Terri Baker, 4. Katherine Bert, 5. Leauna Billie, 6. Levi Billie, 7. Sabre Billie, 8. Stevie Billie, 9. Tyrus Billie, 10. Anthony Cypress,
11. Jalen Cypress, 12. Ryan Cypress, 13. Marco Flores, 14. Alison Her11. Jalen Cypress, 12. Ryan Cypress, 13. Marco Flores, 14. Alison Her-
rera, 15. Susie Jim, 16. Katinna Jumper, 17. Dare'Rick McInturff, 18. John Dell McInturff, 19. Tia Osborne, 20. Bradley Osceola, 21. Kaitlin
Osceola, 22. Cooper Rivers, 23. Juan, Salazar, 24. Derrick Tiger, 25. Savannah Tiger, 26. Tequesta Tiger, 27. Starizie Vargas.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS
Note: Class teacher's last name is in bold format and in parenthesis (except for $12^{\text {th }}$ Grade)

Pre-K: 1. Tanoke Ohitika Billie, 2. Alisa Brooks, 3. Xzavier Stockton, 4. Maria Villarreal, 5. Jalee Wilcox (Barry); 1.Cyiah Avila, 2. Dayne Jim-Washington, 7. Keithana Onco, 8. Grace Robbins, 9. Andrea Ryland, 10. Miguel Reynosa (Stoots); Kindergarten: 1. Anthony Avalos, 2. Talia Billie, 3. Evan Cypress, 4. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, 5. Charlie
Osceola, 6. Daleen Osceola, 7. Edie Robbins (Huckabee), 1. Nicholus Osceola, 6. Daleen Osceola, 7. Edie Robbins (Huckabee); 1. Nicholus
Andrews, 2. Athena Bert, 3. Evol Buck, 4. Jaiden Jim, 5. Barbara JimAndrews, 2. Athena Bert, 3. Evol Buck, 4. Jaiden Jim, 5. Barbara Jim-
mie (Klammer); $\mathbf{1}^{\text {t }}$ Grade: 1 . Spencer Aguilar, 2. Hermione Calderon, 3. Elijiah Cook, 4. Kamari Ivey, 5. Ramona Jimmie, 6. Canaan Jumper,
7. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 8. Brandi Osceola 9. Leo Osceola-Onco 10. 7. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 8. Brandi Osceola, 9. Leo Osceola-Onco, 10 , Liberty Robbins, 11. Amaya Solano (Paige); 2nd Grade: 1. Carlee Billie,
2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Elise Brown, 4. Leilani Gopher 5. Precious Jimmie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Elise Brown, 4. Leilani Gopher, 5. Precious Jimmie,
6. Kylen Jumper, 7. Gregorio Reynosa, 8. Thoya Robbins, 9. Ricky Ro6. Kylen Jumper, 7. Gregorio Reynosa, 8. Thoya Robbins, 9. Ricky Ro-
driguez, 10 . Alena Stockton, 11. Nigel Wells (Caldwell); $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade: 1. driguez, 10. Alena Stockton, 11. Nige Wells (Caldwell); Jansa
Eliza Billie, 2. Leslie Gopher Jr., 3. Katrina Huggins, 4. Janessa Jones, 5. Clayton Tyler Milcevic, 6. Chynna Villarreal (Kittredge); $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Jazmine Billie, 3. Troy Cantu, 4. Kevin Ivey, 5. Dayra Koenes, 6. Ryanne Pratt, 7. Celia Reynosa, 8. Stephanie Vargas, 9. Annabelle Whiteshield (Schmitt); 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Jonah Alvarado,
2. GraySun Billie, 3. Micah Hargis, 4. Samantha Vargas, 5. Nashoba Gonzalez (Rhymes); $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Chelsey Alvarado, 2. Arnold Billie, 3. Michaela Cypress (Cleckler); 7 th Grade: 1. Matthew Bluebird,
2. John Dell McInturff, 3. Rayce Noah, 4. Kaitlin Osceola (Rosenberg); ${ }^{\text {2. }}{ }^{\text {th }}$ Gohn Dell McInturff, 3. Rayce Noah, 4. Kaitlin Osceola (Rosenberg);
4. Juan D. Salazar (Gallegos); $9^{\text {in }}$ Grade: 1. RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2.
Taylor Fulton, 3. Alison Herrera, 4 Bradley Osceola, 5. Tequesta Tiger (Wright); 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Jalen Cypress, 2. Ryan Cypress, 3 . Taylor Pratt, 4. Jonathan Robbins (Back); 11 ${ }^{\text {H1 }}$ Grade: 1 . Jon Ross Billie, 2. Ronnie
Billie, 3. Rowdey Osceola (McCullouch); 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Tia Osborne Billie, 3. Rowdey Osceola (McCullouch); $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Tia Osborne.

## CULTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Note: Class teacher's last name is in bold format
sis (Pre-K, Kindergarten and 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade ONLY) Plisa Broek. 1. Darius Billie, 2. Lazzlow Billie, 3. Thunder Billie, 4. Alisa Brooks, 5. Illiana Robbins, 6. Xzavier Solano, 7. Kassim Stockton,
8. Maria Villarreal 9. Jalee Wilcox (Barry); 1. Cyiah Avila 8. Maria Villarreal, 9. Jalee Wilcox (Barry); 1. Cyiah Avila, 2. Dayne
Billie, 3. Akira Cabral, 4. Jalee Cypress, 5. Javian Cypress, 6. Jaylee Billie, 3. Akira Cabral, 4. Jalee Cypress, 5. Javian Cypress, 6. Jaylee
Cypress, 7. Keithana Onco, 8. Grace Robbins, 9. Andrea Ryland, 10. Javen Washington (Stoots); Kindergarten: 1. Anthony Alvarez, 2. Sontino Billie, 3. Talia Billie, 4. Evan Cypress, 5. Lauren Doctor, 6. Charlie Osceola, 7. Daleen Osceola, 8. Gabriel Porter, 9. Edie Robbins (Huckabee); 1. Nicholus Andrews, 2. Athena Bert, 3. Keaton Billie, 4. Evol
Buck, 5. Harmony Cypress, 6. Barbara Jimmie, 7. Cale Osceola, 8. Dacia Osceola, 9. Daylon Osceola, 10. Chyler Villarreal, 11. Jaden Washington, 12. Anthony Wells (Klammer); $\mathbf{1}^{\text {tr }}$ Grade: 1. Spencer Aguilar, 2. Hermione Calderon, 3. Katrina Columbo, 4. Elijiah Cook, 5. Kamari Ivey, 6. Ramona Jimmie, 7. Canaan Jumper, 8. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 9. Leo Onco, 10. Camden Rhymes, 11. Liberty Robbins, 12. Willie Smith Jr., 13. Amaya Solano; $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade: 1. Carlee Billie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3.
Redheart Billie, 4. Richard Billie, 5. Elise Brown, 6. Leilani Gopher, 7. Craig Huckabee. 8. Precious Jimmie, 9. Kylen Jumper, 10. Thoya Robbins, 11. Ricky Rodriguez, 12. Alena Stockton, 13. Nigel Wells; ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade: 1. Edward Aguilar, 2. Eliza Billie, 3. Katrina Huggins, 4. Chynna
Villarreal (Kittredge); 1. Thomlyn Billie, 2 Romeo Garcia, 3 Alyssa Villarreal (Kittredge); 1. Thomlynn Billie, 2. Romeo Garcia, 3. Alyssa Osceola, 4. Chaska Osceola, 5. Evanne Pratt, 6. Mazzy Robbins (Tiger);
$4^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Troy Cantu, 2. Kevin Ivey, 3. Dayra Koenes, 4. Ryanne $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1 . Troy Cantu, 2. Kevin Ivey, 3. Dayra Koenes, 4. Ryanne 8. Trinity Williams; $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Roderick Bert, 3 . GraySun Billie, 4. Nashoba Gonzalez, 5. Sierra Kirkland; $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }}$ Grade: 1. RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Taylor Fulton, 3. Allison Herrera, 4. Bradley Osceola, 5. Tequesta Tiger.

COUNCILMAN'S HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49 Grade Point Aver-
${ }^{\text {age }}{ }_{\text {Pre-K, Kindergarten and }} 1^{\text {st }}$ Grade: 1. Cyiah Avila, 2. Carlos Bermudez, 3. Athena Bert, 4. Darius Billie, 5. Dayne Billie, 6. Lazzlow Billie, 7. Talia Billie, 8. Tanoke Billie, 9. Alisa Brooks, 10. Akira Cabral, 11. Harmony Cypress, 12. Lauren Doctor, 13. Javien Jim-Washington,
14. Cale Osceola, 15. Daylon Osceola, 16. Miguel Reynosa, 17. Illiana Robbins, 18. Willie Smith, 19. Kassim Stockton, 20. Chyler Villareal, Robbins, 18. Willie Smith, 19. Kassim Stockton, 20. Chyler Villareal,
21. Maria Villareal, 22. Jalee Wilcox; $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ through $5^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1 . Carlee Billie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Richard Billie, 4. Chaska Osceola, 5. Evanne
Pratt, 6. Alena Stockton, 7. Samantha Vargas 8. Chynna Villareal; $6^{\text {th }}$ Pratt, 6. Alena Stockton, 7. Samantha Vargas, 8. Chynna Villareal; $6^{\text {th }}$
through 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1. Ricky through 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1 . RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Chelsey Alvarado, 3. LiSandra Baker, 4. Terri Baker, 5. Leauna Billie, 6. Sabre' Billie, 7. Jalen
Cypress, 8. Ryan Cypress, 9. Chloe Hendrickson, 10. Alison Herrera, 11.
 15. Savannah Tiger.

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99 Grade Point Average) Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade: 1. Spencer Aguilar, 2. Son6. Evan Cypress, 7. Ja'vian Cypress, 8. Jaylee Cypress, 9. Kamari Ivey, 10. Canaan Jumper, 11. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 12. Keithana Onco, 13 , Brandi Osceola, 14. Charlie Osceola, 15. Leo Osceola-Onco, 16. Gabriel Porter-Hendrickson, 17. Edie Robbins, 18. Grace Robbins, 19. Liberty
Robbins, 20. Andrea Ryland, 21. Amaya Solano, 22. Xzavier Solano; 2
 through $5^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1 . Jonah Alvarado, 2. Elise Brown, 3. Kevin Ivey,
4. Alyssa Osceola, 5. Ryanne Pratt, 6 . Annabelle Whiteside; $6^{\mathrm{th}}$ through 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1. Kaitlin Osceola, 2. Jonathan Robbins.

CHAIRMAN'S HONOR ROLL (4.0 Grade Point Average)
$6^{\text {th }}$ through $12^{\text {th }}$ Grades: 1 . Tequesta Tiger.

## AWARDS

From page 2B
Andrew Dobbs
Fifth Grade Bronze Award (3.0 3.4)

Jermaine Bennett
Martina Herrera
Joshua Madrigal
Crysten Smith
Ruben Burgess
Raylon Eagle
Robert Fudge
Robert Fudge
Odessa King
Shae Pierce
Fifth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9)
Erik Garcia
Dylan Sheffield
Fifth Grade Gold Award (Straight
A's)
Andrew Dobbs
Jaden Puente
Bailey Tedders
Bailey Tedders
Trevor Thomas
National Honor Society Members Jaden Puente
Bailey Tedders

Fifth Grade Creek Class
Lorene Gopher's Class
Most Improved - Bethany Billie Best Writing Skills - Robert Fudge Effort - Courtney Gore
Best Creek Speaker- Raylon Eagle

Fifth Grade Jenny Shore's Class Most Improved - Joshua Madrigal Best Writing Skills - Bailey Tedder Effort - Andrew Dobbs

Fifth Grade Arts and Crafts Clas Nancy Shore's Class Most Improved - Joshua Madrigal Craftsmanship - Odessa King Effort - Kelton Smedley
Best Creek Speaker - Shae Pierce

Fifth Grade History Class Most Improved - Drayton Billie \& Lanie Sedatol
Effort - Bethany Billie \& Martina Herrera
Jermaine Bennett

Sixth Grade Effort
Spawn Loudermilk
Tamea Allen
Rayven Smith
Rumor Juarez
Chastity Harmon
Zachary Hudson

Kailin Brown
Boyd Brown
Boyd Brown
Zeke Matthew
Melany Williams
Michael Garcia
Jaron Johns
Sixth Grade Citizenship Elizabeth Johns Lahna Sedatol Michael Garcia Spelling Bee Classroom Winners Brydgett Koontz
Tyra Baker
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Donovan Osceol
Melany Williams
Sixth Grade Accelerated Reader Spawn Loudermilk
Sixth Grade Bronze Award (3.0Tamea Allen Thomas Bearden Keyana Nelson Elizabeth Johns
Jaron Johns

Sixth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9) Rumor Juarez Donovan Osceola Boyd Brown
Kailin Brown Kailin Brown
Michael Garcia Zeke Matthews

Sixth Grade Gold Award (Straight
Zachary Hudson
National Honor Society Members Jaron Johns
Sixth Grade Creek Class Lorene Gopher's Class Best Writing Skills - Elizabeth Johns Effort - Rayven Smith
Best Creek Speaker- Kalgary Johns

Sixth Grade Jenny Shore's Class Most Improved - Lindsey Sampso Effort - Zeke Matthews
Best Creek Speaker- Zachary Hudson
Sixth Grade Arts and Crafts Class Nancy Shore's Class
Most Improved - Tamea Allen
Effort - Lahna Sedatol
est Creek Speaker - Kailin Brown
Sixth Grade History Class
Most Improved - Tamea Allen \& Richard Harris
Effort - Brydge
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## Pemayetv Emahakv Students Visit Old Campsite



Rachel Buxton
Pemayetv Emahaky culture teacher Jenny Shore shares stories from her childhood with students from the
Charter School on March 23 during a history field trip to her old campsite the Little Charlie Micco Camp. Charter School on March 23 during a history field trip to her old campsite, the Little Charlie Micco Camp.
Shore told students how life was like growing up on a campsite with no ATVs and how she and her brother Billie Micco rode their father's calves for fun. The visit to the campsite was part of the Culture Department's history curriculum, meant to show students the lives of their grandparents and great-grandparents
who grew up in hammocks in the outdoors. who grew up in hammocks in the outdoors.

## |K Health



Chairman Mitchell


Big Cypress Tribal senior Jonah Cypres


Chairman Mitchell Cypress gazes at the accomplishments made by Tribal members during the Pathways

Tribal Participants Honored at Seminole Pathways Awards Ceremony

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Each Tribal reservation was recognized recently at the Seminole Pathways Awards ceremony, marking
the end of a six-month walking program designed to promote a healthy lifestyle for Tribal citizens.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress spoke mat-ter-of-factly of what it took for the Tribal
participants to successfully complete the participants to successfully complete the
walk initiative. "It's all in the mind and body," ChairMarch 24 at the Big Cypress Community Center. "Sometimes you just got to get over your laziness. You can eat, but you got to be careful of how much you do it. You have to
discipline yourself."

Tampa Reservation senior Nancy Frank used laughter as a component in her efforts
to take advantage of the Seminole Pathways to take advantage of the Seminole Pathways
Walking Program opportunities. Frank is a
 doctors told her that if she didn't exercise, like to keep people laughing. Iove my life."
they might have to amputate her limbs. "It's hard and tough sometimes, but I derly Affairs project coordinator Lola Juarez want to move and keep exercising," she said
in a jovial manner. "My life depends on it." $\begin{gathered}\text { couldn't agree more. } \\ \text { "Laughing keeps us young," Juarez }\end{gathered}$ With two breast surgeries in the past said. "It's the effort the seniors put forth that few years, Frank has had a tumor removed makes us proud of them. It was hard for us from her left side. The Tampa senior suffers to keep up with them.
from high blood pressure and high choles-
 The tumor discovery forced Frank to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brighton, Big Cypress and Hollywood partici- }\end{aligned}$ ake some time off from exercising. She par- pated in the Seminole Pathways Walking ticipates in tae-kwon-do and kickboxing
addition to walking on a regular basis. But when Frank recovered, she returned action. Frank's exercise efforts, particu- it's all about," Seminole Pathways Director larly in martial arts, have been assisted by locations that supported their walks. It was her six children, with her four sons regularly great to see everybody making this program "When I'm working out with my kids, Please see PATHWAYS AWARDS said. "It keeps me happy."


Tampa's seniors check out Tribal citizens' accomplishments made during the Seminole Pathways


Gymnastics Camp Focuses on Healthy Living

BY NAII TOBIAS
BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress Fitness Dome opened its doors to the Tribal youth for several lessons in gymnastics throughout spring break we ness trainers Gina Allardyce and Mike Iglesinole Fitness trainers Gina Alrardyce and Mike rglesias chalexercise on a daily basis and obtain a positive mindset in the process.
In addition to the daily grind on the gymnastics cir In addition to the daily grind on the gymnastics cir-
cuit at the Fitness Dome, the Tribal youth went swimcuit at the Fitness Dome, the Tribal youth went swim-
ming each day from March 29-April 1 to cool down and ming each day from Mar
"We wanted our kids to engage in high-
energy and fun activities," Iglesias said. energy and fun activities," Iglesias said.
"When they're active like that, you can show "When they're active like that, you can show
them it's good to stay active while having All of that translated to the Big Cy-
press Community Center on the spring break camp's first day, when the Tribal gymnasts were exposed to an in-depth health lesson from the Seminole Health and Wellness departments. As the Tribal youth listened in on the As the Tribal youth listened in on the
importance of maintaining a nutritious appeimportance of maintaining a nutritious appe-
tite and regimen, they also got to play some games while learning about the aforementioned concept.
At the nutritional segment of the spring
break camp, Sabre' Billie was one of a few break camp, Sabre' Billie was one of a few
Tribal youngsters who engaged in a presenTribal youngsters who engaged in a presen-
tation hosted by Allied Health Manager Suzanne Davis and Seminole Wellness health instructor Lance Vaz Focusing on uniqueness in teamwork, the Tribal youth each took turns to present

their health drawings - Billie drew up a Vitamin C il-
lustration - and talk briefly about the positive effects the Iustration - and talk briefly about the positive e
nutrient in question can have on their bodies. While Billie showed off the Vitamin C nutrient, Emily Akin held up her carbohydrates drawing and spoke briefly about that. Gloria Brooks displayed a bone drawing, as it depicted minerals and calcium. of the spring break week keying in on living a healthier
lifestyle. at, realizing there are many environmental factors," just hunger. It's just important for them to stay healthy"
 1, the last day of spring break camp.

Seniors Compete in Fitness Challenge

## BY ADINA LOOCHKARTT

HOLLYWOOD - All Tribal seniors were winners at the awards luncheon ceremony that marked the end of the first Senior Finess Challenge. The challenge is a three-month program geared toSeniors are awarded one point - a smiley face sticker - for each fitness class and/or one-on-one personal training session they attend. Seventeen seniors participated in the program that started Jan. 4 and ended March 31, and they were all rewarded healthy fruit arrangements at the lu
Senior Center. A minimum of 3
complete the challenge
"We know that they have a competitive spirit. It was something that we thought we should bring back,,
said Jeff Garland, program director with the Fitness Debartment.
Garla Garland said the seniors do chair exercises, ride on a bicycle, work out on the treadmill and resistance
bands, lift light weights and walk a little in the parking lot in the morning.
He said the program reaches more than the elderly
population. "Young adults see their grandparents working out, working out. They're it in betterer a ghape and it inspires them
to say, 'I was able to play longer with my grandkids.'"
to say, 'I was able to play
the program makes
younger the younger Tribal
members not to have an
excuse for not working members not to have an
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out, Garland said. out, Garland said. Sally Billie, 72, is,
the winner for the ladies'
category with 40 . category with 40 out 60 points. She said exercis-
ing makes her feel better. She moves around
better and she is more
energetic The winner in the
energeic.
men's category with men's category with
54 points out of 60 was
Tribal member Joe Paul. Tribal member Joe Paul.
He has only missed two days in three months.
"He made sure "He made sure
he got in early. He did great," said Kenny Bay-
on, senior fitness speon, senior fitness spe-
cialist.
Paul said he has incorporated the fitness exercises in his daily
routine. routine. "I'm diabetic. I
have to go to the clinic, have to go to the clinic,
from there I go rest then I come here [the Senior
Center] and go back Center] and go back [to
the clinicc] at 4 to get more shots."

He said he has been

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walking, riding the bicycle, and sometimes working out
on the stationary treadmill.
"I feel better," the 59-year-old Tribal member said.
Bayon said the department wanted to do something oc challenge seniors.
have a lot of fun something to challenge seniors. They never had something fitness wise. We thought of doing omething fresh and challenge them." she loves the idea of the challenge and loves to exercise. "I walk every time I get the chance," she said. "Now I can do what they did. I didn't get the chance to do it."
Bowers is planning on attending the following Bowers is planning on attending the following
challenge when she comes back from the trip she had "I think there are a lot of diabetics," she said "As long as they're doing their exercises, they'll be good. about every day. A lot of them have arthritis and I about every day. A lot of them have arthritis and I al-
ways tell them, 'You need to exercise to feel better," ways tell them, 'You need to exercise to feel better,'
Bowers said. A second May, also for a three-month period.
"I want to thank the [Tribal] Council for pushing this [program]. They want us to help you to have a long,
healthy life," Bayon said to the seniors. For more information, call Kenny Bayon at 954-65-3299.

## The Seminole Police Department Citizens Police Academy

## BY SGG. GEORGE GONZALEZ

This Citizens Police Academy is provided to the Seminole Tribe members located at various reservations in Florida. The program is a curriculum
designed to educate and assist the Trib al members within the community to help them better understand what police work is, and the many challenges that law enforcement officers are faced with. Participants will have the oppor-
tunity to gain knowledge in the procetunity to gain knowledge in the proce-
dures, responsibilities, and day-to-day dures, responsibilities, and day-to-day
operations of the Seminole Police Department. The goal of this program is to build new and improved trust, communication, and a partnership between Tribal members and the Seminole Po-
lice Department. To reinforce those lice Department. To reinforce those
relationships already established, and ultimately create a natural bond striving towards mutual goals.

How it works: Tribal members at tend a ten [10]-week program. Classes
are held once a week on a designated are held once a week on a designated
evening, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A staff member of the Seminole Police Department, usually a sworn law enforcement officer, teaches each class. The curriculum covers a variety of areas,
to include Organization and Structure of the Seminole Police Department, Crime Prevention, Community Policing, Drug Awareness and Enforcement and Domestic Violence, to name a few. A different instructor, having a strong
background and specializing in the parbackground and specializing in the par-
ticular field, usually teaches each block. This ensures that the students will be receiving excellent information, and more importantly, the opportunity to meet new officer each time. The lectures are all designed to be interesting, and in-
structors are encouraged to solicit inter
action from the students. Students will
have the chance to participate in scenarios, as this will allow them to have the hands on experience of role-playing as police ficers. The purpose for this is to hopefully provide the student with an insight and feel of the job. The curricu-
lum is concluded with a graduation, and each student will receive a certificate However, more importantly, students walk away with new friendships, a bond and a completely different perspective on police work and the Seminole Police
Department.

Eligibility:
Must be at least 16 years of
age.
Must fill out a registration application.
Have no Have no criminal record in
volving crimes of violence or recent arrests.
Must be a Tribal Member or family of Tribal Member. Employees of the Seminole on the availability of slots.

Service area: Due to our unique geographical structure, the Training Unit, along with the Youth and Elder Unit, will work together to coordinate
each Citizens Police Academy. This will include the start date, location as to where the Academy will be conducted, and all announcements prior to the commencement of the academy. Those that register are given contact information,
so that if any questions or issues arise there is always someone available that there is always someone available that
they can speak with. The goal of the Seminole Police Department is to have an academy put on at the different reservations, so that all Tribal members are
given the opportunity to be part of this educational and exciting program.

## Seminole Pathways Awards Ceremony Results

Senior Male: 1. Harley Roberts, 2. Jonah Cypress, 3. Rudy Osceola; Senior Female: 1. Edna McDuffie, 2. Mary Tigertail, 3. Louise Billie, Violet Jim, 5. Carol Cypress; Adult Male: 1. Byron Billie, 2. Michael Onco, 3. Marquise Wiggins, 4. Jose Herrera, 5. Alvin Buster Jr.; Adult
emale: 1. Marilyn Jumper, 2. Clarissa Bowers, 3. Sara Osceola, 4. Carol Osceola, 5. Barbara Billie.

## BRIGHTON RESERVATION

Senior Male: 1. Billie Micco; Senior Female: 1. Connie Whidden, 2. Patty Waldron, 3. Jenny Johns, 4. Oneva Baxley, 5. Louise Gopher Adult Male: 1. Ken Doney, 2. Duane Jones, 3. Leon Jose, 4. Ignacio Orozco, 5. Wayne Nelson; Adult Female: 1. Liz Johns, 2. Michele Thomas,
Stacy Jones, 4. Suraiya Smith, 5. Grace Koontz and Ginger Jones; Youth (12-17): 1. Brydgett Koontz, 2. Wade Micco and Huber Leon Lara 3 yyprus Smedley, 4 (tie). Jaden Puente and Erik Garcia, 5 (tie). Michael Garcia, Breanna Billie and Erena Billie; Youth (6-11): 1. Kamani Smith, Cyprus Smedley, 4 (tie). Jaden Pue
2. Kano Puente, 3. Trevor Thomas.

HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION
Senior Male: 1. Stephen Bowers, 2. Robert North, 3. Paul Buster; Senior Female: 1. Elsie Bowers, 2. Judy Tiger, 3. Juanita Osceola, 4. Wanda Bowers, 5. Jo North; Adult Male: 1. Mike Tiger, 2. Terry Tartsah, 3. Tony Willis, 4. Leon Wilcox, 5. Nathan Doctor; Adult Female: 1. Yvette
Jumper, 2. Shantilly Williams, 3. Francine Osceola, 4. Jennifer Osceola, 5. Rhonda Bain; Youth (12-17): 1. Elden F. Osceola, 2. Hunter Osceola; Jumper, 2. Shantilly Williams, 3. Francine Osceola, 4. Jennifer Osceola, 5. Rhonda Bain; Youth (12-17): 1. Elden F. Osceola, 2. Hunter Osceola;
Youth (6-11): 1. Chayse Billie, 2. Grant Osceola, 3. Skyla Osceola, 4. Matthew Osceola Jr.

## TRAIL RESERVATION

Men (18-54): 1. Andrew Bert Jr., 2. Michael Cantu, 3. Miguel Cantu, 4. Richard Keyser, 5. Kenny Cypress; Women (18-54): 1. Chawndra Billie, 2. Marcella Billie, 3. Alicia Willow,
Dion Bert, 2. Cassidy Bert, 3. Morgan Bert.

IMMOKALEE RESERVATION
Senior Male (55 and up): 1. Pedro Aguilar Sr.; Senior Female ( 55 and up): 1. Elaine Aguilar, 2. Linda Frank; Adult Male (18-54): 1. Edward Demi Garza, 4. Celeste Billie, 5.Virginia Billie; Youth (12-17): 1. Kenny Davis Jr.; Youth (6-11): 1. K.J. Davis, 2. Edward Jon Aguilar, 3. Spencer Aguilar.

NAPLES RESERVATION
Sen : (55 and up): 1. Lee Zepeda Sr., 2. Douglas Osceola; Senior Female (55 and up): 1. Wanda Zepeda, 2. Maggie Porter; Adult Male 18-54): 1. Douglas Zepeda, 2. Pedro Zepeda; Adult Female (18-54): 1. Jessica Osceola, 2. Connie Slavik, 3. Naomi Walden, 4. Kari Jo Osceola,
5. Sandy Osceola; Youth (12-17): 1. Marissa Osceola, 2. Kennedy Huggins; Youth (6-11): 1. Nicole Slavik, 2. Martin Slavik Jr, 3. Dominic LugoOsceola, 4. Joseph Lugo- Osceola, 5. Alexis Walden.

TAMPA RESERVATION
Senior Male (55 and up): 1. Bobby Henry; Senior Female (55 and up): 1. Nancy Frank, 2. Peggy Cubis, 3. Susie Doctor, 4 (tie). Annie Henry
Linda O. Henry, 5. Maggie Garcia; Adult Male (18-54): 1. Terrance Simmons (non-tribal), 2. Richard Henry, 3. Herbert Jim 4. Eric Cypress 5. Lilson Bowers; Adult Female (18-54): 1. April Simmons, 2. Debbie Henry, 3. Gladys Guzman, 4. Kaylin Henry, 5. (tie) Colleen Henry and Linda J. Henry; Youth (12-17; Male or Female): 1. Phaydra Clark, 2. Christina Clark; Youth ( $6-11$; Male or Female) 1 (tie). Tyrek Lasane and Azaria Simmons, 2. Carrisa Colon, 3. Cavan Guzman.

FORT PIERCE RESERVAATION
Tommie, 3. Jarvis Frierson; Adult Female: 1. Shirley Sotello, 2. Sylvia Tommie, 3. Tracey Tommie,

Overall Pedometer Winners - All Reservation

1. Ashley Burnett (Big Cypress), 2. Kenny Davis Jr. (Immokalee), 3. Yvette Jumper (Hollywood), 4. Stacy Jones (Brighton), 5. Debbie Henry (Tampa), 6. Jessica Osceola (Naples), 7. Ebony Tommie (Fort Pierce), 8. Karyn Billie (Trail)

## Tribe Co-Sponsors Relay For Life in Clewiston



Taking a walk around Clewiston High School's bus loop on March 13, Big Cypress dental hygienist Veronica Lopez, right, along with Clewiston career service case manager Mamie Guzman, certer, and Alachikee School aide Pem the Trible cancer


## Learn How to Preserve Food, Avoid Poisoning <br> Let's face it; sometimes it's

 the cooking. However, there are food safety implications that you need to be aware of.Restaurants and delis follow important Restaurants and delis follow important sanitation rules during food preparation, to
ensure a safe and wholesome product to the ensure a safe and wholesome product to the
customer. Once that food is purchased or delivered, it is your responsibility to keep it safe. Hot or cold takeout meals are perish-
able and can cause food borne illness when able and can cause food borne illness when
mishandled. Proper handling is essential to mishandled. Proper handling is essential to
ensure that food and left over's safe to eat. Ser Zone" (between 40 and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ). So re member the two-hour rule and discard any perishable foods left at room temperature onger than two hours.

What is the 2-Hour Rule?
The two-hour rule recommends to keep
hot foods safe, keep them at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or above, also cold and potentially hazardous foods must be kept at $40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or below. Bacteria
grow rapidly between 40 and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (danger grow rapidly between 40 and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (danger
zone). Discard all perishable foods such as zone). Discard all perishable foods such as
meat, cold slaw, eggs, and potato salads left at room temperature longer than two hours; one hour in temperatures above $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Cold Take-Out or Delivered Food Cold foods should be kept at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or
below. Refrigerate perishable foods as soon as possible, always within two hours after as possible, aways within two hours after
purchase or delivery. If the food is at tem-
peratures above $90^{\circ}$, refrigerate within one peratures above $90^{\circ} F$, refrigerate within one
hour. When take-out or delivered food is hour. When take-out or delivered food is
purchased cold for an outdoor event, a coolpurchased cold for an outdoor event, a cool-
er with ice is a practical alternative to a re-
frigerato The cooler should be packed with plenty of ice or frozen gel packs, and kept

Hot Take-Out or Delivered Food Once food is cooked, it should be he or above. Just keeping food warm (between 40 and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) is not safe. Use a food thermometer to monitor the internal temperature of the food. If you plan to eat at a later time, take-out or delivered food should be divided into smaller portions or pieces, placed in
shallow containers, and refrigerated.

## Reheat foefing Leftovers

Reheat foods containing meat or poultry Always use a food therme of at least $165^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. internal temperature of the food to verify the ernal temperature of the food. Reheat sauces, soups, and gravies to a rolling boil.
If reheatin perature no lower than $325^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Reheating in slow cookers is NOT recommended because foods may stay in the
"Danger Zone" (between 40 and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) long. Also when heating in a microwave oven, cover food and rotate the dish so the food heats evenly and doesn't leave "cold spots" that could harbor bacteria. Always allow standing time before checking the internal temperature of the reheated food.

REMEMBER, most food poisoning If in doubt, throw it out! Please call the Environmental Health
Office at $954-965-1300$ ext. 10325 should you need more information

## Depression - How is it Different from Normal Sadness?

 For people who have struggled withmood-related issues, one of the most dif-
ficult decisions to make is when to consult ficult decisions to make is when to consult
professional help. We all know that sadprofessional help. We all know that sada part of the normal life cycle. So, how is depression different from all of these other
normal life experiences? The distinction is normal life experiences? The distinction is
often subtle and difficult to qualify for sevoften subtle and difficult to qualify for sev
eral reasons. Human behavior is not an exact science. Individuals differ in their reactions that make the individual unique. Culture and upbringing will have a great impact on a person's response to different circumstanc-
es, but there are some objective distinctions es, but there are some objective distinctions that separate depr
sadness reactions.
The Diagnostic and Statistical Manua of Psychiatric Disorders or DSM IV R is the manual used by mental health professionals to diagnose psychiatric and psychological
problems in their clients. When it comes to problems in their clients. When it comes to
depression, there are very specific symptoms depression, there are very speciif cymptoms
that the mental heath professional is looking for. Some examples include feelings of sadness that persist beyond a few weeks, changes in appetite and sleeping patterns; feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, and inap-
propriate guilt; loss of interest or pleasure propriate guilt; loss of interest or pleasure
in formerly important activities; fatigue; in formerly important activities; fatigue;
inability to concentrate; overwhelming sadness; disturbed thinking; physical symptoms such as headaches or stomachaches; and suicidal thoughts or behaviors.

Depression is a very common and treaInstitute for Mental According to the National Institute for Mental Heatth, as many as 12 million adults in the United States are af-
fected by depression. While the exact causes of depression are not known, depression is thought to be related to imbalances in brain chemistry. There are medications known as antidepressants which impact the specific brain chemistry involved in depression by
increasing the amount of neurotransmitters that are often too low in depressed insmite als. Psychotherapy or talk therapy has also been found to be effective in treating depression.
Depression, when left untreated can
snowball into snowball into a number of serious issues and
is associated with suicide, substance abuse is associated with suicide, substance abuse
and host of physical health problems. This is why early intervention is very important. The Seminole Tribe of Florida Family Services Department employs professionals who are able to evaluate depression and as-
sist in its treatment. If you suspect that you or a loved one may be in need of treatment or assessment for depression, you can contact the Family Services Department professions
following locations: Hollywood - 954-964-6338
Immokalee - 239-867-3480 Combinations of four or more of these symptoms over a two-week or longer period
can result in a diagnosis of depression.

Immokalee - 239-867-3480
Fort Pierce - 772-461-7363
Brighton - 863-763-7700 Brighton - 863-763-7700
Tampa - 813-246-3100
Big Cypress - 863-902-320

## Tribal Members and Employees Recognized for Weight Loss Achievements

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - All Issiah Billie has wanted to do over the past several months is lose weight and work toward a healthy lifestyle.
His efforts have paid off as he placed in the top
three in the Tribal men's category three in the Tribal men's category at the Seminole
Weight Loss Awards Luncheon on Weight Loss Awards Luncheon on March 25 at the Her-
man L. Osceola Gymnasium. Billie, who weighed in at August, lost 29.5 pounds as of March. He has shed 16.5 pounds at the November 2009 weigh-in session and trimmed off another 13 last month. Since last summer, the 24 -year-old has been regularly running three miles on the Seminole Fitness walk
ing trail at the Big Cypress Reservation ing trail at the Big Cypress Reservation.
Billie, who has two children - Louise,

- said that after dropping them off at the reservation's preschool each weekday morning, he goes straight to
the trail and runs. the trail and runs.

> Weight Loss Awards Luncheon Results
(Nov. 17-18, 2009-Mar
> Tribal Men:
> Danny Tommie, 2. Cicero Osceola, 3. Issiah Billie, 4.
> Charlie Cypress, 5. Josh Jumper; Tribal Women: 1. Donelda Mercer, 2. Meredith Bullard, 3. Sheila Aguilar, 4. Pauletta Bowers, 5. Kayla

> Non-Tribal Community/Employees - Women: 1. Valerie Whiteside (Ahfachkee School), 2. Michelle Walker (Ahfachkee School), 3. Angie Hurt (Big Cypress Education Dept.), 4. Jennifer Defalco Trading Post);
> Non-Tribal Community/Employees - Men: 1 Gary Yebba (Big Cypress Housing), 2. David Lee Seminole Police Dept.), 3. David Rojas (Cattle and Stephen Ast (Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum)


Lance Vaz shows off a Ziploc bag of fat that weighs 10 pounds during his health presentation.
 cive to an individual's health. And that's what Bilie said is important ers.
fillie said he would like to change his are held every 16 weeks. "Let's keep up with the weight loss," McDuffie its and to continue the same workout regimen he has in place now.
At 5 -feet-11, Billie's current weight of 246 pounds would be considered obese, according to the Body Mass least another 20 pounds for the next weigh-in in July. The Seminole Weight Loss weigh-in/weigh-out of the Weight Director Edna McDuffie at the conclusion in
ind


The Weight Loss Awards Luncheon highlights the male employee and community member winners: from left, Gary Yebba, David Lee, David Rojas, William Engel, and Stephen Ast.


Seminole Wellness Director Edna McDuffie addresses the at-

## Preschoolers Participate in March of Dimes Wonder Walk

Seminole Tribe Raises
HIV/AIDS Awareness


The Brighton Education Department shows off its winning door in the Native HIV/AIDS Awareness door decorating contest held March 16. The contest was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe
Health Department in efforts to promote the National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day that was recognized on March 20. Participating departments included the Fred Smith Rodeo staff, the Brighton dental department and the Brighton medical clinic. The winning department received
a catered lunch for their hard work and creativity. From left, Education Department's Susan a catered lunch for their hard work and creativity. From left, Education Department's Susan Kuipers, Becky Bowers, Vickie Stuart and Emma Johns.

## BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON - The Seminole Health Department and the March of Dimes teamed up to help stress to the Brighton preschool back. stopped by the preschool April 9 to put on the fourth annual March of Dimes preschool Wonder Walk that included physical activity
Edna McDuffie of the Seminole Health Department led classes by age one at a time through the stations and got the preschoolers by age one at a titme through the stations and
stretching, marching, hopping and walking.
"If we show them the healthy ways now hopefully they will keep it up and I believe they will because they see the parents and learn from them what they are doing," said McDuffie.

The March of Dimes staff brought tunnels for the little ones to crawl through along with bubbles to enjoy after participating in
their physical activities. Students also got a chance to cool off while enjoying a nutritious snack provided by the March of Dimes.

Prior to the Wonder Walk students with the help of their par ents raised money that went toward the Seminole Tribe's contribu tion to the March of Dimes Walk for Babies that was held March 6
in Okeechobee.

The Seminole Tribe Health Department continues its efforts to start the children young at living a healthier lifestyle and McDuffie



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## Sports

Son, Daughter Celebrated in Memorial Tourneys

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - Old and new traditions combined on the basketball court Bobby Osceola in the seventh and inaugural editions of the Cindy Osceola Legends Memorial and Bobby C.
Basketball Tournaments.


Indian events running April 8-10 with par-
ticipants from around the reservations and
out of state competing for bragging rights, out of state comp
cash and trophies.
"We got a good turnout and it ran very smooth. Everyone had respect for everyone and it was just our way of honoring them," said event Co-organizer Donna Turtle, the
older sister of Cindy and aunt of Bobby older sister of Cindy and aunt of Bobby.
Prior to the tournament's opening Prior to the tournament's opening tip,
family members gathered for prayer and to share their thoughts on the lives of the two passionate fans of the sport.
"I am just glad everyone came out to
celebrate the life of these two I want celebrate the life of these two. I want every-
one to play hard and enjoy themselves," said Eric Osceola to the players and guests on hand. He is the brother of Cindy and uncle of Bobby.
As mother and son, Cindy and Bobby as avid sports enthusiasts. Relatives said Cindy, who wore jersey No. 24, excelled in
many sports including volleyball, softball and bowling while staying devoted to cook ing. Bobby enjoyed billiards but also shared a love of basketball, Turtle said.
She said she will always
She said she will always remember
Boby's loving spirit.
"He was ing. He always told us as his family that he loved us, it is something I will always remember about him," Turtle said.
Chairman Mitchell Cypress also made
an appearance in support of the family. an appearance in support of the family.
Game action kicked off with lege play as Still Got Game faced B.C. (Big Cypress) on the men's side. SGG led the entire way but B.C. came out on a $16-8$ run in the second half to cut into the SGG lead at the
$3: 30$ mark. SGG held on to win in a clos 3:30 mark. SGG held on to win in a close
41-38 final. SGG's Milo Osceola led the 41-38 final. SGG's Milo Osceola led the
way for his squad with eight points. In his second year as a participant in the
ournament, Osceola said he has enjoyed the experience.
"I like it and it is a respect thing to play
in it each year," he said.


Bobby Osceola Tournament men's champion Big Town with members of the Osceola family

Team Records - Women's and Men's Games Played March 27.
Women: 1. No Pressure (3-0), 2. Big Cypress Women (1-2), 3. Herrikanez (0-2); Men: 1 . Big
Town (3-0), 2. Tony Billie's Team (2-2), 3. Big Cypress Men (1-2), 4. Trail Kings ( $0-2$ ). Team Records - Women's and Men's Legends Games Played on March 25 Women: 1 . Native Ladies (2-0), 2. Young Legends ( $0-2$ ); Men: 1. Still Got Game ( $3-0$ ), 2. Big Cypress Men (1-2), 3. Brighton Throwbacks (0-2).

Notes: With the exception of the women's Legends games, the tournament was played in a double-elimination format. Each game was played in two halves, as opposed to four quarters. Hollywood, Brighton and Big Cypress were the three reserva


## BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - Eric Beatty and his Big Town teammates had just one goal in mind - to win the 26th annual Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament with ease and on their terms. Big Town blew by Tony Billie's Team
$92-52$ in the men's final on March $92-52$ in the men's final on March 27 at the
Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, a win that Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, a win that
was called with 10 minutes left in the second half. Beatty, who scored 13 points in the game and all of them in the first half, said it was a matchup his team had been looking forward to.
Beatty said of Tony Billie's Team, a teams Beatty said of Tony Billie's Team, a team
Big Town beat twice in the tournament. "So we just came out here to do what we always
do." That was to assemble a high-tempo game from the opening tipoff, won by Big
Town. With just less than five minutes into the game, Big Town cruised to an $18-5$ lead over Tony Billie's Team.
The lead quickly swelled to 29-10 with 10:02 left in the half after Big Town's Jerome Davis ( 18 points overall; 11 in the
first half, including three overall 3 -pointers) first half, including three overall 3-pointers)
converted on his first uncontested 3 3-point shot. Tony Osceola ( 23 points, six 3 -point ers) and his teammates, Tony Billie (11 points, three 3 -pointers) and Trevor Williams (three points) combined for seven
first-half 3 -pointers to cut the halftime deficit to a 59-31 margin. But Tony Billie's Team would not get any closer than that,
as Big Town used its combination of size,
home the men's Legends title.
On the women's side, On the women's side, the ladies of ends, going on an $18-2$ run to start the game ends, going on an 18-2 run to start the game
enroute to a $38-8$ blasting. They would also go on to win the womens Legends champi-
onship.
In its first year as a full scale memorial urnament, the Bobby C. competition feaournament, the Bobby C. competition fea-double-elimination format in the championship round.
The women's championship was decided in a three-game series between the Lady
Redskins and Lady Ballers. After splitting two previous match-ups a one game grudgematch decided the championship as the Ballers went on a 9-0 run early in the game and would go into the break leading 34-24. The Lady Redskins would go on a 12-6
to start the second half to cut into the lead, although it was not enough as Bobby lead, although it was not enough as Bobby
C. women's tournament MVP Misty Dale and the Ballers won 65-51.
The men's championship pitted peren-
nial tournament front-runners Big Town against Don't Worry About It. Coming in DWAI needed to win two straight over BT
to win the championship while BT came in undefeated at 3-0.
DWAI kept it close going into halftime only down by six, 42-36. The Bobby men's tournament MVP Amos Huggins lead
the way for BT with 30 points and his team would pull away in the second his for would pull away in the second half for an
$82-74$ victory.

Other festivities scheduled over the
weekend included a senior men's and womweekend included a senior men's and wom-
en's free throw shooting contest, the shooting en's free throw shooting contest, the shooting
game "knock out" for men and women and a game "knock out" for men and women and a
3-point contest. Seniors Mary Gay Osceola and Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress took home winning honors while
Nora Billie and Neal Vaughn won in "knock out." Leslie Osceola and Alfonzo Tigertail
were the 3-point ontest winners. we


Recreation Has Biggest Turn Out Ever for Spring Break Triathlon

## $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BRIGHTON

- Nearly 40 Tribal third annual Spring Break Triathlon Relay Race sponsored by the Brighton Recreation Department.
In order
In order to compete, all teams had to
have at least one Tribal member have at least one Tribal member on their
team. This year, 30 Tribal members particileam. This year, 30 Tribal members partici-
pated - the largest number to date. "It took us three years to get here," Recreation Department's Kai Setty said. "Now we have the momentum and just have to The Tribal youth kicked off the twoday triathlon on March 26 on the Brighton Reservation with four teams competing.
The youth triathlon consisted of a 300 -yard The youth triathlon consisted of a 300 -yard
swim, one-mile run and a five-mile bike ride. Swimmers took their marks and started off the competition. In the youth 11-13 age
division, the competition was heated with division, the competition was heated with
teams finishing just minutes after each other The next day the competition was on
with four senior teams competing: two
men's and two women's teams. The women were neck-and-neck finishing only three
seconds apart. The seniors had a 175-yard swim, on
mile run/walk and a three-mile bike ride The five adult teams kicked up the physical fitness following the seniors with 300 -yard swim, two-mile run and a fivemile bike ride.
Teams showed much camaraderie as ommunity membe After the race, raffles and door prizes were given away, including a skateboard for the youth and a heart rate monitor watch for the adults.
community an opportunity to participate in an activity that helps to improve their overall health," Setty said. "The more active we can help the community to become,
the greater chance we have to improve the he greater chance we have to improve the health of the members of the Seminole Tribe
and their communities."

See results on page 2C


Elbert Snow and Jack Smith Jr. slap hands to signal the start of the third leg of the race.

## Big Town, No Pressure Cruise Past Competition at the Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament

blowout fashion.
play our style of ball", do was make them get going early, it's tough for teams to stop

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No Pressure carried that same mind-
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set in the women's final as they overcame
sow start and defeated the Big Cypress
The Big Cypress Women kept the game lose in the first half, leading by as much as ix points most of the way - an $8-2$ margin
with $10: 08$ left after a layup by Terri Baker The Big Cypress lead evaporated for good sure took endo he firs halr as No presstrength of two 3-pointers, including one by No Pressure's Tasha Osceola.
It was all No Pressure in the second half, as they hit a flurry of 3 -pointers while Cypress Women terense, holding the Big "We started out slownd-half points. into a rhythm in the second half, that's when we really played our game," Tasha Osceola
said. "Big Cypress is a young team play with each other very well. But we knew we were going to beat them. We just
played lazy in the first half, that's all." Big Cypress Women's Baker congratu
Birst hazy in that lated No Pressure on the win. in the first half," Baker said. "We though we had the game won, but No Pressure out hustled us. It was hard for us to stay up with their speed
the win."
Me win."
Meanwhile, the Legends basketball the Native Ladies and Me Young Legends
three series format, the Native Ladies won
both games, including a 31-21 win in Game . 1 The men's Legends tournament was won by Still Got Game, which squeaked past the Big Cypress in a $35-34$ overtime The tournament was named after Herman L. Osceola, who was killed as a Corps helicopter mission to Japan. Hercorps helicopter mission to Japan. Her-
man L. Osceola, who enlisted in the military in 1983, was instrumental in the 1980 construction of the gymnasium named in his honor. He served a few years as a Big cypress Recreation Department employee ore joining the armed forces.
The gymnasium, where Herman L. Osceola played a lot of basketball,
icated to him shortly after he died. Herman L. Osceola is best known for his advocacy of the Tribal youth, as he helped usher in the desire for young people
Tribalwide to obtain an interest in the game of basketball. "It's a lot of love and respect for the
port because of Herman's efforts to better Seminole Tribe of Florida," Tribal and the Paul "Cowbone" Buster said during the Paul "Cowbone" Buster said during the
three-day tournament, which lasted from March 25-27.
unt "I see a lot of enthusiasm, talent, teamhat's what Herman would like to see. He's smiling right down on this tournament from heaven, as we speak."


Bellair Hosts 11th Annual Centre for Women Golf Tournament

## BY RYAN WATSON <br> Staff Reporter

BELLAIR - The Seminole Tribe sponsored the 11th annual Centre for Wome
Golf Tournament in Bellair on April 1 . More than 120 golfers turned out for the event on a beautiful 77-degree day with pros ceeds going to the Centre for Women.
The Centre for Women is a non-pro organization, established in 1977 to serve individuals and families in Hillsborough County. Services provided include substance abuse counseling, job placement pro-


The 26th Annual Herman L. Osceola Tournament


Tony Billie
title game.


No Pressure's Tasha Osceola, left, drives her way past Big Cypress Women's Darlah Cypress.

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Big Town's Eric Beatty drives through three Tony Billie's Team defenders.
Results for the Third Annual Spring Break Triathlon Relay Race Sponsored by the Brighton Recreation Department

Youth Boys 11-13
First Place: Thomas Bearden, Donovan Osceola, Michael Garcia: 46:24; Second Place: Daniel Nunez Jr., Joshua Boromei, Isiah Thomas: 49:30; Third Place: Erik Garcia, Joshua Madrigal, Yo Osceola: 53:50

## Youth Boys 16-17

First Place: David Gonzalez, Reese Bert Jr., William Bearden: 42:59

## Adults Men 18-54

First Place: Dallas Nunez, Ignacio Orozco, Howard Jimmy: 42:50; Second Place: George Micco, Elton Shore, Richard Osceola: 44:43

## Adult Women 18-54

First Place: Larissa McDuffie, Dinorah Branch, Reina Micco: 52:06; Second Place: Kathleen Hauser, Rosetta Bowers, Andrea Holata: 57:16; Third Place: Shelby Brady, Candice Simmer, Loretta Peterson: 59:04

## Senior Men 55+

First Place: Willie Johns, Jack Smith, Jr., Elbert Snow: 42:41; Second Place: Amos Tiger, Billie Micco, Parker Jones: 47:49

## Seminole Bass Fishing Triple Crown Series Goes Into Full Swing

Multiple entrants compete in Howard Tiger and Seminole Recreation Fishing Tournaments
$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - For fishermen competing in the Seminole Bass Fishing Triple when they navigated the Big Cypress L-28 when they navigated the Big Cypress L-2 In the case of Kassim Stockton, it w more of the former.
"I came out here to fish and just have
fun doing it," Stockton said at the 10th fun doing it," Stockton said at the 10th an-
nual Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament on March 19.
Stockton, a Big Cypress Tribal citizen, teamed up with Ryan Washington for this year's Triple Crown Series. The tandem finished in second place at the Howard Tiger competition with a combined bass weight of
13.88 pounds. of Josh Jumper and Dustin Lowman, which took the tournament series as a time for recreation. is "Everyday you can get out here to fish is good," Lowman said. "It allows me to
take a break from everyday life and relax by take a break from everyday life and relax by
doing what I love to do."

Though the tandem didn't place in the nament, Josh Jumper chose to look at his team's finish from a positive perspective.
"The fish were on and off, but it was
a great day to go out," Jumper said. "The a great day to go out," Jumper said. "The
weather was beautiful; we had a good time." weather was beautiful; we had a good time."
The team of Frank Marrero and Mario Posada caught the heaviest bass of all entrants, with a weight of 18.91 pounds.
Marrero and Posada also ran away from the competition in the second leg of the Triple Crown Series, known as the 30th annual which was held April 9 .
The tandem caught five bass, the The tandem caught five bass, the
maximum amount, with a weight of 22.51 pounds, more than six pounds heavier than the rest of the field.
"It's humbling because not everyday Posada said. "We just tried a couple of diffferent lures to figure out what fish would bite. We were just fortunate to catch the large ones. Usually they get away, but we
were able to hold on to them in our boat." Marrero and Posada were not con-

Crown Series. Rather, it was Tribal Pro Bass fisherman Tyrone Cypress, one of only thr While Cypress did not place in the top hree of the first two fishing tournaments, out. "I doesn't bother me that I don't have so I'd rather be by myself. I could concenAs every bite better that way,
As Triple Crown Series final leg, the Bass Busters Fishing tourna ment - the name of the last fishing competition - is ex
ning team.
Moses Jumper Jr., the Triple Crown Series founder/organizer, believes that Marrero and Posada have what it takes to pull
off the overall victory. He adds emphatically that "it's a pretty solid bet they'll win." "It looks like Frank [Marrero] and Mario [Posada] are running away with it," Jumper said. "I don't see anyone catching them unless they don't show up. They're more than
10 pounds ahead of the next group. Even if they get their limit and catch one pound of

what agreed somewhat agreed with
that prediction, but did his best to keep
the entire series into the entire series into
perspective.
"Nothing's guar"Nothing's guarwe catch five fish,
we have a chance, we have a chance,"
Posada said. "All we Posada said. "All we
have to do is catch
our limit and not lose the big ones." The Bass Bust-
ers Fishing Tournament will be held on
Friday, May 7 at the Friday, May 7 at the
Big Cypress
L-28 Big Cypress L-28
Canal. The tourna-
ment begins at 6:30 ment begins at 6:30
a.m., with the final
bass weigh-i to conbass weigh-in to con-
vene at 2 p.m. at the L-28 canal docking
area. The top over-
all team will win
gift certificates from gift certificates from
Bass Pro Shops Bass Pro Shops and
the Sonny DiCarlo The Sonny.
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Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament on March 19.


The fishing team of Leon Wilcox and Greg Thomas placed second in the 30th annual Seminole Rec-
reation Fishing Tor reation fishing Tow mament.
Results from the 10th Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament - 1st Leg
Note: All results are based on pounds of bass fish caught

1. Frank Marrero and Mario Posada - 18.91, 2. Kassim Stockton and Ryan Washington 3.88 , 3. Tom Koenes and Walter Summeralls - 13.23 .

Results from the 30th Annual Seminole Recreation Fishing Tournament - 2nd Leg Bass fish: 1. Frank Marrero and Mario Posada - 22.81, 2. Leon Wilcox and Greg Thomas 6.57, 3. Tom Koenes and Walter Summeralls - 15.61; Big Bass fish winner: Frank Marrer Mud fish winner:
Posada; Other fish: Frank Marrero and Mario Posada.

## Standings after two legs

1. Frank Marrero and Mario Posada - 41.72, 2. Tom Koenes \& Walter Summeralls - 28.84, 3. Kassim Stockton and Ryan Washington - 22.86, 4. Josh Jumper and Dustin Lowman - 22.36, Fred Phillip - 18.76, 8. Leon Wilcox and Greg Thomas - 16.57, 9 . Moses "Big Shot" Jumper - 16.10, 10. Chucky Osceola and Fred Haberman - 16.02, 11. Lenny Jim and Cicero Osceola 12.52, 12. Howard Tommie and Tony Tommie -11.41, 13. Naha Jumper - 9.27, 14. Nolan
Rudd and Arlen Payne - 8.62, 15. Joe Ferrero \& Joel - 5.70 .
 Hollywood Recreation Coordinator Steven Young holds up a big bass with Tribal entrant Josh Jumper
after the weigh-in segment of the 30th annual Seminole Recreation Fishing Tournament on April 9 .



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## Tribal Youth Skate Away in 3rd Annual Rally at the Ramps <br> \section*{$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$}

BIG CYPRESS - The third annual Rally at The Ramps event brought a sense of camaraderie among Ramps brought a sense of camaraderie amo 21, worked closely with the Tribal youngsters in makTribal youth participants at the Big Cypress Skate Park. ing sure they improve on their skateboarding craft. A Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee took to the skat- N.M. Washington began skating when he waq ill years ing ramps March 31 and showed off their moves in ef- old. He used his experience to teach the Tribal youngforts to put their athleticism and confidence on display. sters tricks such as the kick flip, the heel flip and the half Fred Mullins said he believes a function like this can $\quad$ Washington, a Lakota Sioux Indian from South Daincrease self esteem in the Tribal youth. kota, has been active with the Big Cypress Skate Park With the Tribal youth competing against themselves since last year, when he moved to Big Cypress from his
instead of each other Mullins said a instead of each ooher, Mulins said a personal sense of home state.
confidence will build amongst them. "It's fun to pass my knowledge to those learning
"It provides a really conducive environment in to skate," Washington said. "The opportunity presented seeing the kids connect with each other," Mullins said. itself for me to come down here and teach. I wouldn't


Gerard Cutschall performs a backside feeble grind trick.

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## Tribal Fair Hoops Tourney Crown Men and Women Champions



Tribal Fair Basketball Tournament men's champion-Big Town with their championship trophy. The men won 84-67 versus Scrubs in the championship game. The event had an all-Indian, two-day, double-elimination format held at
the Hollywood Recreation Gym March 19-20.



Tribe Chief Operating Officer Elrod Bowers, left, and Big Cy-


Demi Garza, niece of the late Genesis Osceola, lines up her shot.

## Tribal Competitors Celebrate 2nd Annual Genesis Osceola Pool Tournament



Talia Rodriguez shoots her way to a third-place finish in the girls' youth division.


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1992 , 1989 and was admilted to the Florida B Ba
1992, and the Federal Trial Bar in 1994.

## Genesis Osceola Memorial Pool Tournament Result

 FRIDAY, APRIL 2Senior 8-Ball Division
Women: 1. Laura Clay, 2. Juanita 0sceola, 3. Rena Blissett, 4. Dale Grasshopper, 5. Jane Freeman Men: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. Billy Brown, 3. Roy Snow, 4. Mike Dewitt, 5. Russell Osceola.
Youth 8-Ball Division
Girls: 1. Jessica Osceola, 2. Alaina Sweat, 3. Talia Rodriguez 4. Caroline Sweat
Boys: 1. Joshua Boromei, 2. Cisco Rodriguez, 3. Aaron Cypress, 4. Daniel Rodriguez, 5. Colby Cypress.
Senior Scotch Doubles

1. Joe Billie and Diane OnlyAChief, 2. Russell Osceola and Juanita Osceola, 3. Mike Dewitt and Louise Billie,
2. Randy Coyle and Linda Billie, 5. Billy Brown and Esther Buster 4. Randy Coyle and Linda Billie, 5. Billy Brown and Esther Buster.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 3

8-Ball
Women: 1. Virginia Billie, 2. Diana OnlyAChief, 3. Felicia Garza, 4. Phalyn Osceola, 5. Theresa Nunez; Men: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. Elrod Bowers, 3. Mario Posada, 4. Roy Snow, 5. Jack Billie.
Scotch Doubles

1. Charles Osceola and Phalyn Osceola, 2. Carl Yazzie and Evelyn Yazzie
2. Vincent Villalobos and Pauletta Bowers, 4. Josh Garza and Felicia Garza, 5. Cicero Osceola and Virginia Billie.

9-Ball
Women: 1. Laura Clay, 2. Evelyn Yazzie, 3. Bess Bowlegs, 4. Theresa Nunez, 5. Phalyn Osceola Men: 1. Charles Osceola, 2. Mike Dewitt, 3. Mario Posada, 4. Tony Bert, 5. Billy Brown.



Tribal senior Louise Brilie takes some fime to reflect on her ate husband，John Bilie
4th Annual John Billie Sr．Horseshoe Tournament Results
Tribal Women－Individual Play：
1．Daisy Jumper，2．Loraine Billie，3．Almira Billie，4．Louise Billie，5．Ruby Tribal Men－Individual Pla
1．Ronnie Billie，2．Billie Micco，3．James Cornelius，4．Earl Kirkland，5．George Team Play 1 Loraine Billie Team Play：1．Loraine Billie and Carol Osceola，2．Joe B．Osceola and Violet Mary Joe Micco，4．Ronnie Billie Sr．and Almira Billie， 5 Louise Billie and Ruby Osceola


## Big Cypress Seniors Compete in 4th Annual John Billie Sr．Horseshoe Tournament

## Staff Reporter

 raine Billie and Carol Osceola won the team competition． Jumper briefly reflected on her win in this year＇s competition shortlyafter it wrapped up． after it wrapped up． ＂It was fun，we all had a good time，＂Jumper said＂I＇m glad I won，but
 all that mattered was having fun with my friends．＂


Tribal senior Billie Micco


Tribal senior Ruby Osceo

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top of the third inning.


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Tribal parents Emilia Jumper, left, and Carol Osceola are among the scores of fans

## Seminole Lightning Softball Team Starts Season with Strong Start

Tribal softball team routs
Clewiston ELKS 1853, 19-1, in its first-ever game

## BY NAII TOBIAS <br> Staff Reporter

CLEWISTON - Three innings and 19 runs define how the first-ever softball game went for the Seminol Lightning at the Clewiston Ball Field Complex.
Playing against the Clewiston ELKS 1853 soft ball squad against the Clewiston ELKS 1853 soft ball squad on April 12, Lightning pitcher Darlah Cy-
press torched through her opponent's batting lineup as she registered five strikeouts in just two innings of her team's 19-1 blowout victory. Cypress, an eighth-grader who also stars on The Sagemont School's softball team, allowed one unearned run and a walk in the triumph. In a game that's normally supposed to last six innings, the Lighning scored 14 of those runs in just two mate Kalgary Johns. The other five runs were scored in the third inning. After that, the umpires called the game

## Seminole Lightning Season Schedule (as of April 30)

All games are played at 6:45 p.m. in Field 2 of the Clewiston Ball Field Complex

Friday, Apr. 30 - at Clewiston ELKS 1853 Tuesday, May 4 - Wedgeworth's Inc. Thursday, May 6 - at D \& J Machinery Tuesday, May 11 - Roland Martin Marina Monday, May 17 - Clewiston ELKS 1853
Friday, May 21 - at Wedgeworth's Inc. Tuesday, May 25 -D \& J Machinery Thursday, May 27 - at Roland Martin Marina Friday, June 4-at Clewiston ELKS 1853
"We jumped out with a whole lot of runs early, so pretty much it was over with," Seminole Lightning soft-
ball head coach Josh Jumper said. Batting in the leadoff spot
who managed to eke out an extra-base hit to ignite the seven-run scoring blitz in the first inning. Ahnie Jumper hen connected on a run-scoring double to easily send home Sydnee Cypress for a Lightning 1-0 lead.
Sabre' Billie drew one of the team's eight walks in he inning and later scored a run of her own to put them

## The second inning was more of the same, with Ey-

 anna Billie leading off with a walk, followed by another hit by Sydnee Cypress and a two-run double by Ahnie mper for a 9-0 Lightning leadhrough the infield to drive in Jumper and put Seminole up 10-0.
Tribal fans from the Big Cypress and Brighton reservations were cheering their team on throughout the game, with Tribal parent Emma Johns among those who "There happy with the game's turnout.
ence that they're going a really strong team this season," Emma Johns said. "Every parent is excited and no one is taking anything for granted with what's going on here. This game was a good motivator for the girls for he rest of the season."
The Seminole Lightning is one of five teams that ightning, which play three more games against Clewston ELKS 1853 this season, has dates with fellow league teams D \& J Machinery, Roland Martin Marina and Wedgeworth's inc. Each of the softball league's five
teams has a 13 -game schedule.
"We plan on getting first place this season," Darlah


Seminole Lightning starting pitcher Darlah Cypress produces a gem in her first game with the team, striking out five batters, while allowing just one unearned run, a walk and a hit in the team's $\mathbf{1 9 - 1}$ blowout win over Clewiston Elks 1853 on April 12. That's sur . "We're just trying to get better each game. the City of Clewiston's softball league. The team's parJosh Jumper Josh Jumper said he wants to push his players to Hendry County Commission. "Every one of them wants to give 110 percent to it," feated season, Josh Jumper chose the bold yet humble game ever im so glad for their win here. This is our first route to his response. "less," Josh Jumper said. "I hope Josh Jumper said this year's Seminole Lightning we can do it." softball team is the first Tribal program ever to play in



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POEMS


## WORDS

## By Elgin Jumper

Words. They took everything and left the words. Words are nothing Words are everything.*Ma-too-se-gai-yeh, oni-ah-tah-thun-gai-li. And writing lyy light And yes, that was me under a chickee, reading words,
the land!
For within and without, words are nothing; words are everything! I invite you to write them down, hear them sing! for words cascade and cleanse. Words taint. Sometimes words become unnerved by rustling
leaves, but other times, words can become immovable, unshakable, and courageous.
So I walk beside the ruins of spoken words, the historic remains of a great empire of words, broken words crying out, screaming nothing, leaving nothing but everything. Yet a word expressed can be a tiny spiri departing a s
tragic scene.
If words became angels, they'd shield us in the night. And if words resorted to pillage and plunder, they'd take everything and leave us nothing. But then, words are nothing; words are everything! And yet, nothing is heard but the weeping words or singing words, soaring on the wind, o else they sparkle and shimmer like precious diamonds, or spring and leap like radiant deer in the Everglades.
mythology of flowers the eerie night like armies of ghost orchids in a sketching battles in the air! Even so, words can of Spanish moss. And though, words can be crystal-clear and glitter so, they are
invariably coupled with a shadow invariably coupled with a shadow, old and new at the same time. They
dwell in the sticker patches, and in the tragic Florida wildflowers, shake forth from palmetto fronds down into the fibers, down onto the Earth and then trampled underfoot.
O, luminous words! and in their dynamic ranges! taking everything, leaving nothing, leaving everything! For Words are nothing; and yet
Words are everything . . .

Happy Anniversary!
Tampa Community members Eric and Barbara Cypress celebrated their 9th Wedding
anniversary on April 1, 2010 .


Angelic

You are the prettiest woman that I've ever seen, God had to take a little more time when he made you,

Salena you are my world and my everything. Baby you've shown me the true meaning of heartstring, This time spent away from you our love has grown more than words can tell. You brought me happiness,
And your loyalty is worth more than uncalculated wealth. Thank you Salena, I know you are my destiny.

We met at ten thousand feet in the air. You were just so beautiful - Angelic even.
Baby I love you and I promise we will never come down. I smile at every thought of you.
I can stand tall and proud, the way I always wanted too. No longer lost I can fulfill my journey through life.

Thank you for leading me to my soul mate, Lord thank you for my beautiful, beautiful wife

## - Forever yours,

## 



Mother's Day Greeting from Mitchell Cypress, Chairman
of the Seminole Tribe of Florida
Wache'
Happy Mother's Day to Mothers all over the world.
In my language the word for mother is "wache", pronounced as watch. Its sound is appropriate, as it reminds me of they watch over their children, whether she has given birth to them or cares for them in her chickee. It isn't always the
woman that gives birth to you but the woman who cares for all children, as if she bore them naturally.

To the women that care for our children, I honor you and pray that our creator delivers you a lifetime of blessings for your great deeds.
Mothers, please be sure to teach your children the ways of our ancestors, and bear in mind that when we had no monyou love them every day, after all it's free.
I remember my Mom this day and every day, as an adult I know of her many sacrifices for my brothers, sisters and me I am wishing her the best and confessing our love, as well as wishes for many more Happy Mother's Day!
May the Creator continue to bless all of May the Creator continue to bless all of our Seminole
mothers and Mothers all over the world.

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 came out and gave us their support in the nes of our loss of our Beloved Mother Agnes.

We would also like to thank you for the Thank you to all the ladies that helped prepare the meals and the people who brought food over to the house.

Thank you to each department who also lent a helping hand, especially Building and Thank you Mr. Richard Bowers Jr., Mr. Andrew Bowers Jr., Mr. Mitchell Cypress, Mr. Paul Bowers Sr. and Mr. Johnnie Jones Sr. Thank you to Pastor Tiger for a wonderful and beautiful service.

Thank you to all and God bless you!
From,
Joyce \& Matt Piz and family, Claudia Joe Olivarez and family, and Roy Jumper

## New Album Features Seminole Star Search Grand Prize Winners

## BY ERICA BARRIOS

The Seminole Tribe of Florida has signed a distribution deal with a majo music record distributor, Fontana Distribution/ Universal Music Group. Thanks
to the deal, the Seminole Star Search Grand Prize Winners Volume One album featuring 2008 winners Paula Bow-ers-Sanchez, David Billy and Hank Nelson, Jr. is available worldwide through iTunes, Amazon, Rhapsody, Napster BestBuy.com and Walmart.com.

Seminole Star Search Grand Prize


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We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement We truly appreciate the prayers, words of comfort, calls, cards, visits, food and flowers
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family and friends, Pastor Bruce Pratt the Seminole Tribe of Florida,
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Seminole Police and many more that helped

Special thanks to First Seminole Indian Baptist Church,
Pastor Paul Buster, and
Jarrett Elder of Fred Hunter

We especially want to thank all those family and friends who came to visit our mother during her illness, showing your love and concern, giving words of encouragement and prayers

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the expressions of sympathy, and all the help you provided us during our most difficult days We're deeply grateful for your prayers and continued prayers

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## Seminole Police Explorers Up and Running

## BY LT. JERRY MEISENHEIMER

r the past several months, the Seminole Polic Department has been busy reaching out to Tribal youths with a new program called Explorers

The program has already attracted more than 70 members from all the Seminole Reservations. Any Trib al boy or girl, ages 6 to 19 years old, can join. Membership has also been extended to descendants and other children who reside in the various Seminole communi-
In general, meetings are held every other week on each reservation. A different educational, law enforce-
ment related topic is presented at the meetings. Some of these include fingerprinting, crime scenes, first aid, the court system, the jail system, crash investigation, report writing, leadership, and other interesting subjects. Sev
eral field trips are also being planned eral field trips are also being planned.
A special uniform has been designed, consisting of
a light blue polo shirt with the police department badg
mbroidered on it. The pants are a navy blue twill, along
with a navy blue web belt and buckle. Each member
upplies a pair of black boots or work shoes.
Once in uniform, the Explorers will assist the pounit has recited the Pledge of Allegiance at a community meeting. Tampa also had an overnight camp out at the akeland property.

Each Explorer unit has a police department advisor and adult volunteers who monitor the groups' activities. Eventualy, the Explorers themselves will conduct their ank of sergeant and lieutenant. A set of rules and regulations will also be enforced, including standards for maintaining good grades in school.

Most regular meetings are accompanied with cks and drinks.
If you'd like more information about the Seminole olice Explorers, contact Lt. Jerry Meisenheimer at Police Explorers, contact Lt. Jerry Meisenheimer at
$863-697-9577$.


Meet the 2010 Tampa Seminole Police Explorers: first row is Desmond Miller; second row is Miguel Dillon, Julian Dillon, Azaria Simmons, Angel Dillon, Libby Awonohopay; third row is Ryanna Thomas, Ricky Dillon, Tyrek LeSane, Ruby Thomas and Regina Awonohopay. The following members were not in the picture: Dante Henry, Ohana Henry, Carissa Colon, and Cavan


NAT GEO WILD TO FEATURE PROFESSIONAL SWAMP MEN AT BILLIE SWAMP SAFARI STARTING MAY $3^{\text {BD }}$ In the Everglades' Big Cypress Swamp, more than 1,600 animals roam wild on thousands of acres in a park run by
the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Best described as controled chaos, the Bilie Swamp Salari offers visitors tace-toface encounters with ostriches, American bison, African elan, wild alligators, venomous snakes, wild hogs raccoons and virtually every other animal found near the swamp. The goal is to immerse visitors in the wild, in accordance with the Seminoles' love of harmony with natur, but sometimes these close encounters can mean trouble or people and widilife. It's up to the park's director, Ed Woods, and his tough team of seff
Swamp Men to patrol the land, relocate animals from dangerous situations and rescue animals in need.

Nat Geo WLD's new series Swamp Men, premiering Monday, May 3, at HO p.m. ET.PT, rides along with Ed and his staff as they work to maintain saiety at the Satari. They are considered among the best wild animal wranglers and each day brings new tests of their skills with bears, alligators, wild hogs and panthers that inhabit the Everglades. Ed's's dedicated staff includes Paul, expert alligator catcher; Cory, animal trapper; and newbies Matt swamp adventures every day.

Premiere episodes include:

## Swamp Men: Newbies

Monday May 3,2010 , at 10 PM ET/PT
Park director Ed Woods responds to an emergency call - an imposing 11 -foot aligator camped under a doch where guests are coming to visit - and calls in Paul, expert alligator caicher. On the other side of Bille Swamp
Saifari a razor-tusked wild Salani, a razor-Lusked wild hog tests Cor's's animal-trapping skills. And, newbies Matt and Shea learn how to
capture trespassing raccoons and tacke alligators. Their skills are quickly put to work as they rescue a dutch Capiur trespassing raccoons and tackle aligatoros.
baby gators from being eaten by a unggy bull gator.

## Swamp Men: Croc Escape <br> at 10 PM ETPT

Houdini is a9-toot-long Nile croc that earned his name from being a renegade on the loose for more than 12 years. Ed and his team head deep into the swamp in an all-out effort to catch this legendary escape artist. Their plan Incluess blocking his escape by building a fence along a canal bottom, even as they dodge rattlesnakes and a 700 Ib bull gator. Then, Shea, Lawrence and Matt are finally initiated into the Swamp Men team - but not before
spending the night alone in the swamp with only a knite and one other item each. Watch the boys leam from Ed as spending the night alone in the swamp with only a knite and one othe
they buid their own shelter and fire and scavenge for sunvival stew"

Swamp Men: Break-In Bear
Monday, May 17, 2010, at 10 PM ETPT
The staff at Bilie Swamp Satari is faced with the challenge of capturing a black bear threatening the food source for other animals in the reservation. When the bear doesn't fall for a bait of peanut butter and molasses, Ed has to up the ante to attract the hungry menace. Then, a dangerous cold front means animal wranglers John and Hans mus move tropical reptiles indoors, with ion easy lear win monitor lizard that lashes out with formidable clans.

Swamp Men: Panther Down

## Monday, May 24, 2010, at 10 PM ETPT

Ed gets an emergency call regarding one of the swamp's most endangered predators, the Florida panther. Field officerrs wory that the panther might be in distress from its radio collar, or may have died from a lethal encounter of another sort: Across the park, a barred ow has been hit by a car and rushed to the nearest clinic with multiple lifieArrealening injureses. Back at headquarters, the nuisance hogs are atit again - destroying property and vegetation
and gorging on animas' feed. Cory and the guys try to catch them, but instead find their traps attract a massive bison that wasn't part of the plan

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festivities. "I think it's a way to establish cultural exchange, education, to learn more about Amer it's good," he said.
Ambassador and former Chairman
speech in front of students and staff gathered
to have Native studies, Indian studies in the class itself. The Seminoles have so much to ere we come from," Osceola said.
Tribal citizens and UM students JoJo ceola and Kellie Tigertail were co-chair

Tigertaii is from the Big Cypress Reser-
viesta since day one. She said there was a
vation and lives on campus as a sophomore
lot of work put into setting up the activities. studying human and social development. "There was a lot of time spent and a lot "I was contacted back in the fall se- of time away from our families, which were mester by the Multicultural Student Affairs very supportive of me. So I wanted to thank Office, which sent a mass e-mail to any my family, my husband for supporting me."
students identified as Native American and
JoJo's mother, Virginia Osceola, put JoJo's mother, Virginia Osceola, put
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tive American culture through an event or ketry, tablecloths, beads and Palmetto dolls. programming," she said. "I want to thank my mother for contribJoJo, a sophomore studying political

## Innovative Cultural Programs Focus on Preservation of History, Guarantee a Future for Seminoles/Miccosukees

 from generation to after a short period of time.In addition to standard educational agendas, madrion to standard educational agendas,


Pemayetv Emahakv students examine a dugout canoe during a cultural exchange fiel trip to visit the Miccosukee village.
dian School on the Tamiami Trail have instituted innovative cultural programs in their curriculum to ensure preservation of Tribal history and heri"As Miccosukee-Seminole descendants, we kee Chairman Collie Billie during opening re

First Seminole Baptist Church Opens in Immokalee Mothers Honored on All Reservations

## BY JUDY WEEKS <br> Freelance Reporte

IMMOKALEE - The The April 28 event signified the begin prayers of more than five generations of ervation and the numerous Tribal Christians
and establish the purpose and mission of the cul-
tural programs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.
Native Americans in the Southeastern Unit Native Americans in the Southeastern Unit-
ed States share their origins and have made nued States share their origins and have made numerous migrations from ancient times to pres-
ent in order to benefit and ensure their survival. Masters of adaptation, the Seminole forefathers have been hunters/gatherers, developed an ag-
ricultural economy, domesticated livestock and reverted to a nomadic lifestyle as changes in their environment have dictated.
people, who learned how to wirvive determine people, who learned how to survive under what nole Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "We are a part
of this land and our heritage comes from the strength and resourcefulness of our culture. It is important for our young people to know that
their ancestors were instrumental in shaping the
history of Florida."
Teaching language arts is a primary objecof each of the schools and is a part of the daily classroom studies. Today's families live in separate homes without the traditional camp
atmosphere of extended families. The use of the atmosphere of extended families. The use of the stances. The schools are attempting to build a stances. The schools are attemping to build a
strong linguistic foundation and encourage the parents to reinforce this at home in an effort to increase fluency among the new generations. words signify the cultural re sponsibility of
all
Seminoles


Gov. Charlie Crist, center, along with officials from the Tribal Legal Departent and Tribal Council, complete the finalized paperwork on the new gaming compact under the beloved Tribal monument Council Oak.

## Tribe and State of Florida

## Formalize Gaming Compact

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
HOLLYWOOD - The Trib at Council and Board of Directors to finally put the finishing touches on the new state Gaming Compact, hundreds at the fabled Council Oak hundreds at the fabled Council Oak.
Employees, elected officials and invited guests also came to witness the historic event May 5 to complete the historic event Mas
a new 20-year plan.

The deal maintains the Tribe's
exclusivity to operate blackjack, bacxclusivity to operate blackjack, baccarat and chemin-de-fer games at its kalee and Tampa as part of a fiveyear extension.
journey filled amid a long-standing quabbles from various competitors pponents and legislative groups and has extended through four governordaing back to 1991
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Jolo Osceola sits next to a table with basketry
arranged by her mother, Virginia Osceola.

FIESTA
uting," JoJo said.
Tribal citizen from the Hollywood Resional stomp dances and was involved in presenting the different activities.
Speaking of the event, Everett Osceola
said, "It's pretty good. It will put a face said, "It's pretty good. It will put a face,
on the Seminole Tribe; show our culture, on the Seminole Tribe; show our culture,
dances, stories. It's eye opening for us and for them."

Renee Callan, director of Multicultural Student Affairs Department at UM said part of the department's mission is to highlight
the variety of culture.
"We wanted this
experience, for the students to get a taste of the Seminole culture," Callan said. "[We
wanted] to educate the students about the


Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. with he UM mas
rience Seminole culture live, not from history books. It's not someone else's Callan said UM is definitely interested in having more events showcasing Semithe idea that we're connected to something that grounds us. "[..]] and we see how we're connected
with the Seminole culture," she said. Callan said her favorite part was the alligator wrestling, the
nessing the traditions.
John Jones, wrestler with the Okalee Indian Village and the wildlife manager
at the village, came to wrestle a 10 -yearold American alligator. He also brought an American crocodile to teach the audience about their differences.

I think it's important that we educate the public on everything, the tradition,"
Jones said. "It's nice to have the awareness
how this came about, that this was initially practiced to feed their families. The more
educated we are, the more we understand things.'

Senior student Nicole Ralph-Forton from Miami said
the Tribe offered.
"It's great; it's the first time the UM
has put an event featuring the Seminole culture. I liked the dancing and chanting," Ralph-Forton said. "A lot of international
students who do not get the chance to see students who do not get the chance to see
this were excited."
Ariel Penaranda a sophomore at UM, had to wait in the long line to grab a plate of Indian hot dogs, burgers and pumpkin bread. "I enjoy the Seminole Tribe theme, and waiting for the alligator to show up," he said.
Tribal citizen and JoJo's husband By ron Billie donated iPods and iPhones that
were raffled, to the delight of the students
in the audience.


Above, Okale Indian Villat allis


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crowd listened as Sally R. Tommie present ed the opening remark, "God is a part of our lives and makes our accomplishments possible. By giving us this house of worship, he has made us a part of the big picture. Today we reaffirm the words
Trust' and count our blessings Trust and count our blessings."
"Christianity began to find its way to us as early as the 1840s and by the 1870 s the Creek missionaries came to spread the word," said Tommie. "We had always
known how to pray and give thanks to our known how to pray and give thanks to our
Creator, but we were learning new methods Creator, but we were learning new methods sion to the fellowship in the chickees and
under the old tin shed, God has heard our voices and he is with us today as we ente this house of worship."

From left, Minnie Doctor, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Betty Osceola and Juanita


Fsceola explore the new Immokalee First Seminole Baptist Church.
noles sought guidance from their Creator in Immokalee," said Paul Buster. "General Store owner, Dius Roberts was a de-
vote Baptist and long time friend of the Seminoles. Coming all the way from Big Cypress and down in the Everglades, they were encouraged to gather on the porch of homa missionary to Bible stories. Oklathem here and was instrumental in spreading the Christian faith"
As the congregation filled the pews, tismal was illuminated. The Seminole figures being baptized in the waters of their
homeland across from a chickee came to homeland across from a chickee came to
life and gave significance to the meaning of the Grand Opening celebration.
"Church is a warm place that draws us in," said Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "Lucy John, Lena Frank, Mary Watts and so many others in this community have looked to God for guidance and now there

## their de scendant

have faithfully traveled from their homes in Brighton, Big Cypress and Hollywood over the years to give fellowship to this community. Their faith and determination helped
to make this a reality," President Richard Bowers Jr. reflected,
Growing up in church characterizes us and "Growing up in church characterizes us and
remains with us throughout our lifetime. remains with us throughout our lifetime.
God is the greater power and he watches over us. If you commune in this house that you have provided for him, he will guide Quoting from Psalms, Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. said, "The Bible tells us that God is here with us and we have only to ask for his guidance an
he will provide it. However, it is up to us to he will provide it. However, it is up to us to
recognize the path that he sets before us and do not stray. The strength of the Seminoles comes from God, Our Creator." mined elders who built this strong, deterfuture generations based upon their faith They laid a foundation for us in God," said Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress. now we are seniors and we are getting the job done for them.

Beginning with Big Cypres Boad Rep. Paul Bowers, Tribal Citizens came Rep. Paul Bowers, Tribal Citizens came
forward and made contributions to the oral forward and made contributions to the oral
history of the founding of the Immokalee First Seminole Baptist Church. Immokalee church members, Louise Motlow, Mary Sanchez, Rachel Billie and Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper shared
memories of community worship from the time when they were children in the 1940s and 1950s until the present.
Following a short presentation by Pas tor Duane Pratt and closing prayer, the assembly dispersed to examine the fellow


From left, Martha Billie, Debbie Osceola, Bonnie Frank, Jane Billie, Winter Dawn Billie, Thomas Billie, Billy Walker Norman Huggins and Dannie Billie visit the historic marker for the 1936 Seminole/ Governor's Conference after talking to the Miccosukee School students.

## CULTURE

Creek dictionary is now in print and has become a basic resource for the language department at Pemayetv Emahakv. The cul-
ture staff at Ahfachkee is currently working ture staff at Ahfachkee is currently working
on a Miccosukee dictionary to broaden the on a Miccosukee dictionary to broaden the
scope of their teaching aides. Vocabulary and grammar are emphasized at the Miccosukee School where they have numerous books and creative teaching materials that expose the students to their language. Sto-
rybooks for fourth and fifth grade have been written in Elaponke in an effort to reinforce language skills.
Standard American and world history courses are enhanced by the Native American experiences whenever possible. The
historic journey of the Seminole and Michistoric journey of the Seminole and Mic
cosukee Tribes is emphasized as part o Florida history together with their struggles during the three Seminole Wars and gradual move into South Florida.
Elder community members play an
integral part in the cultural education prointegral part in the cultural education pro-
grams as guest speakers, host teaching grams as guest speakers, host teaching
workshops and serve as inspirational guides during field trips. The benefits of their contribution have proven to be an extraordinary source for oral history and cultural aware
In addition to traditional arts and crafts, each of the schools promote a variety of ac
tivities to introduce the next generation to the construction of chickees and dugout canoes, hunting and fishing techniques, preparing and cooking of game, growing
traditional gardens and preservation of food traditional
supplies.

On a monthly basis the Miccosukee In dian School conducts Culture Days, as well as an Everglades Ecology Class in which kindergarten through 12th graders learn
about the ecosystem and their responsibility to protect it. Twice a year the students are included in the annual survey of the Mic-
cosukee lands along with administrative and community members. On these field trips they learn about the diverse habitats of the Everglades, study water quality, native plant identification and view historic
campsites. campsites
Pemayetv Emahakv arranges field trip
to historic locations that have included the to historic locations that have included tour
Red Barn and old campsites. These tours
provide the students with a glimpse into great-grandparents who grew up in the more great-grandparents who grew up in the more Field trips at the Ahfachkee School are enhanced by Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum exhibits, ecology studies and presentations by Tribal historic consultants. Their Spring all ages including a vigorous game of stickball, traditional food preparation, story telling, and art and craft demonstrations. The distance between the schools limits frequent interaction. Despite these restrictions, ball games, canoe races, gar fish
gigging, airboat rides, swamp buggy tours, museums, traditional garden planting and museums, traditional garden planting and ground work for cultural exchange.
The Cultural Departments in each of the Tribal communities host extensive Inall ages and coordinate traditional activities and heritage.
Shared events, such as the recent 74th anniversary of the Seminole/Governor's Conference, emphasize historical awareness. Members of the Miccosukee Tribe ini-
tiated replacement of the historic marker on the site in 2008 . The anniversary was a proect of the Miccosukee School staff, Head Start program, Language Arts Department, he Miccosukee Tribal Business Council and community elders. An invitation to the dants of the approximately 275 Seminoles attending the original meeting in 1936. Speaking from the heart, Miccosukee, Seminole and Independent factions shared aspects of the past and present with their audience. The Miccosukee School orchestratthat included a replica of the historic marker with photos and information about the 1936 leaders, Josie Billie, Doctor Tiger, Corey Osceola, Ingraham Billie, Mike Osceola, William McKinley Osceola and Jimmie Osceola, accompanied by long time friend
and trusted advisor, W. Stanley Hanson. History continues to take place ev day and cultures must adapt and reinvent themselves to meet the challenges for exissic principever, it is important that the basic principles of heritage are reinforced and an important role in achieving these goals.

Gov. Chariie Crist, center, with Tribal Counci/Board officials, from left, Big Cypress Tribal Councii Rep. Davidypress, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Vice Chairman Richard Bowers Ir., and Hollywood

## COMPACT

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 "This took a lot of patience," saidCrist. "I want to thank the Seminole Tribe of Florida though. I thank you for all you
have done for the state of Florid? have done for the state of Florida. The specifics of the arrangement call
for the Tribe to guarantee money to the state of Florida and up to a 10 percent share of net profits to maintain the exclusivity for another 15 years. The Class III Las Vegas style slot machines will also continue to op-
erate at four casinos outside Broward and erate at four casinos
Miami-Dade counties.
Miami-Dade counties.
The state of Florida will in return
The state of Florida will in return resharing plan with the majority of the funds going toward the continued improvement of
the educational system throughout Florid the educational system throughout Florida. day. That is what we always have to take day. That is what we always have to take
into account especially when you are in public service," Crist said to reporters. Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress equated the efforts involved in the dea
to a football team winning the big game.
"You have to have a team to win the
game and we have won the game," Chairman Cypress said. "But, if it were not for happened today." "This ispiest moment for happened today." "happiest moment for the
Tribe in its existence," Tribal Council Vice Tribe in its existence," Tribal Council vice
Chaiman Richard Bowers Jr. added. Seminole Gaming Chief Executive Officer Jim Allen has also been at the forefront
of the negotiations. He said the contract will serve both the Tribe and the state well. "It is historical and monumental and it is a good deal where both sides can grow," said Allen. "The goal here and always has been for the Tribe to not put anybody out of business but for everybody to prosper and
grow." The Tribal community gave their im-
pressions on the day as well with high hopes and expectations for the future. ida Seminole Princess Brittany Smith "My da Seminole Princess Brittany Smith. "My avorite events are the ones that take place
here [at Council Oak]" "I think it s something we deserved from the beginning," Tribal citizen Melissa Billie of the Big Cypress Reservation said. "I think it is going to be good for my chil-


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## [x> Community



Miss Florida Seminole Brittany Smith demonstrates how to make a traditional Seminol
Brittany Smith Competes
in Miss Indian World Pageant

## BY RYAN WATSON

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The Seminole Tribe received strong repre-
sentation from Miss Florida Seminole Brittany Smith in the 2010 Miss Indian
World Pageant.

The pageant was held April 20-24 in Albuquerque, N.M. The talent preAs the opening attraction of the 27th An nual Gathering of Nations Powwow. Smith was one of 27 young women
from Native American reservations all over the United States who exhibited talents
tribes.
for me," Smith said. "Just getting to learn different stuff from other young Native women of other cultures was
great experience." Each contestant had the opportu-
nity to perform a three-minute cultural nity to perform a three-minute cultura
demonstration on stage. Penalties were given to those who exceeded the allot-
ted time. "I knew that was going to be the
hardest part," said Smith, who repeated the basket making demonstration that helped her win the title of Miss Florida Seminole. "Getting the demonstration done in under three minutes was what I
prepared for the most." To compete in the Miss Indian

## dren and have verifiable tribal affiliation. They were judged on the follow

 -Traditional Talent Presentaticontestan' representative of each contestant's
Tribe.
-Public Speaking and Private Inter with Judges.
-Dance Com -Dance Competition (Expression
through Powwow music)
-Raffle Ticket Sales, with awards given for number of tickets sold In the end it was Dakota Brant
of the Mohawk Six Nations Territory
(Canada) who took home the crown of (Canada) who took home the crown of
2010 Miss Indian World. Even in victory she applauded the efforts of Smith
who was one of the many young ladies
she bonded with during the week of she bonded
preparation.
"She
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# Tribe Attains Most Successful Year Ever in its 27th Annual Cattle Sale 

## BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - Cattle owners have been waiting to sell off their cattle all year long. That was no longer the case on May 6 ,
the day of the Tribe's 27 th Annual Cattle Sale the day of the Tribe's 27th Annual Cattle Sale, Cattle and Range Office, scores of cattle own Cattle and Range Office, scores of cattle own-
ers were glued to their television, with nary a
word uttered amongst them. Tribal and nonword uttered amongst them. Tribal and nonTribal herders from Brighton, Big Cypress,
Immokalee, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Lakeport and O
cattle sale.
cattle sale.
Throughout the hour-long live video aucThroughout the hour-long live video auc-
tion of the Tribe's cattle, the throng of herders
sat intently, filling out their sale documents to sat intently, filling out their sale documents to
make sure they sold all of their prized products make sure they sold all of their prized products
to buyers nationwide. The pin-drop silence to buyers nationwide. The pin-drop silence
came to an end when it was discovered that the Tribe had sold about 5,500 calves to the buying
public for a whopping $\$ 2.75$ million in sales pubic
this year - the Tribe's most profitable year ever
in its 27 -year cattle sale history.
According to Tommy Mann, a represen-
tative from Fort Worth, Texas-based SupeAccording to Tommy Mann, a represen-
tative from Fort Worth, Texas-based Supe-
rior Livestock, among large organizations, rior Livestock, among large organizations, the
Tribe garnered the best sales in the state this year. He said that the slightly improving eco--
nomic conditions, in addition to the increasing nomic conditions, in addition to the increasing
demand for cattle, played a role in the Tribe's success this year.
The calves were sold to the public from
$\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.32$ per pound with typically weighing each between 400 and 600 pounds.
That's a difference from what was a fluctuating cattle market in the past, when the products struggled to sell to
more than 90 cents per pound.


Seminole Cattle and Land Operations Natural Resources Operator Don Robertson, left, and Superior Livestock
Auction Representative Tommy Mann work the phones, as Auction Representative Tommy Mann work the phones, as
they call the Fort Worth, Texas-based agricultural organi-
zation to sell the Tribe's cattle during its cattle sale.

## ere decreasing

for several years
due to import and export $\quad$ restric-
tions," Mand tions," Mann said. higher demand for beef in the United
States." Brighton Res ervation Board Rep. Johnnie Jones, mean
while, attributed the cattle sales to the while, attributed the cattle sales to the quality
of the Tribe's products, which are of the Tribe's products, which
to be certified and all-natural.
to be certified and all-natural. "It's been ongoing," Jones said of the Tribe's cattle, which has been under its own certified natural identification system since
2006, "We're not branding 2006. "We're not branding or earmarking our
cattle, so we're able to get a better price for it" cattle, so we're able to get a better price for it."
Just two years ago, the Tribe implemented a few components to its cattle health program, which include an annual vaccination initiative
and a concentrated effort by cattle owners to make their products all-natural. As a result, the cattle do not receive any antibiotics or growth
stimulants, giving them a competitive edge in stimulants, giving them a competitive edge in
its market. With the reputable quality the Tribe's cattle has, it's considered good enough to be exported to the European market.
quality that comes out of it," Jones said. "I would have to say we have the highest quality The live video auction, used by the Tribe for cattle sales since 1983, has played a significant part in the success of its agricultural business for many years. Prior to 1983 , the year that
the Tribe made Native American history as the
first to air its cattle on television, auctions were


July 5-10: Brighton Reservation (2,467 steers and heifers from 14 lots) July 19-23: Seminole Tribe Board Cattle I - Tribalwide ( 716 calves from thre lots; shipped from the Miccosukee Reservation)
July $26-30$ : Seminole Tribe Board Cattle II - Brighton Reservation's St. Thomas Aunch ( 380 calves from three lots)

conducted exclusively through telephone. That made it impossible for buyers nationwide to ew the Tribe's cattle up for sale. tter way to advertise our cattle to the whole country," Jones said. "We're now able to get ore buyers nationwide to take stock in our According to Mann, the outlook for cattle operations in the country is considered to be being the lowest on record since the 1950s. If it continues to be that way, then cattle sales may | "The Tribe has established a reputation |
| :--- | having good cattle over the last 40 years," Mann said. "They're well-known throughout he U.S. for their cattle operations." "It [cattle operations] is a good business of bride in Mann said. "The Tribe takes a lot family-oriented operations they have here is Statewide, steers and calves were sold on

May 6 and 7 . The Tribe's cattle will be shipped the buying public in July of this year. Farming Development Channel, which is Channel 231 on DirecTV


Cattle owners are glued to their sale sheets as the Tribe's cattle sale airs live on the Rural Farming Development Channel.

## Native Rights Advocate Speaks to Community

BY CHRIS C. JENKIN

## HOLLYWOOD

 leading advocates for Native rights and sovereignty, John Echohawk discussed those issues in front of Triba officials, citizens and employees at the Tribal Headqua ters Auditorium.Rights Fund gave an insight and overview into his organization as well as the past, present and future state of Native Tribes and their independence. "If you do not understand the sovereignty status of Native peoples you simply do not understand Natives,
Echohawk explained on May 4 . Echohawk explained on May 4.
Since 1970 Echohawk and
on several issues within the Native world such as: preserving Tribes, protecting Tribal resources and human
rights, maintaining governmental responsibility in Narights, maintaining governmental responsibility in Na -
tive life, and the continued development and expansion tive life, and the continued development and expansion
of Indian law according to its website at www.narf.org. of Indian law according to its website at www.narf.org.
"Our responsibility as Natives is to make sure our nations survive and to exercise our sovereignty in a re-
sponsible way to preserve our culture and traditions. If we lose this, we will lose who we are," Eckohawk said. Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. sai
Echohawk's years of hard work have been inspiring. Echohawk's years of hard work have been inspiring.
"He [Echohawk] has always been a person I ad mired and wondered how he could go through what he has over the last 40 years helping our Tribes," said President Bowers, "The sovereignty issue has been on a
lot of the people's minds, our elders in particular. I just wish our youth were here to see this."
Echohawk said the Tribe's influence and accomlishments have served as a proud moment for his orga-



SPD Officer Joseph Sommovigo, left, explains to Tribal class students Sarah Osceola, Candy Cypress and Vera
Herrera how a bulletproof vest works during a Citizen's


Tribal academy students Eldeen Tecumseh, left, and Rowde Tribal academy students Eldeen Tecumseh, left,
Osceola, right, are taking a look at SPD's duty belt

## SPD Begins Its Third Citizens Police Academy Series of Classes

## Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - In its first four weeks of operavariety of topics in the organization's third installmen of its Citizen's Police Academy. With the entire 10 -week series being held at the
Big Cypress Public Safety Complex Building Trib Big Cypress Public Safety Complex Building, Tribal
citizens have learned about some of the SPD's citizens have learned about some of the SPD's opera-
tions and how they could benefit from them. The Cititions and how they could benefit from them. The Citi-
zen's Police Academy is an initiative that the SPD has zut in place to foster healthy relations between the Tribal members and its law enforcement.
"It really means a lot to us," SPD Sgt. George Gon zalez said. "We need to build trust with the Tribal community in order to protect our future investment."
On April $19-$ the academy's first class - Sgt. Gon zalez and his fellow officers distributed a questionnaire
to the Tribal students, asking them what they expected not just from this academy, but from the SPD organization as a whole.
The comm
were that they expected the SPD the Tribal participants were that they expected the SPD officers to exhibit ex
emplary behavior, obtain stellar training and display emplary behavior, obtain stellar training and display a
sense of competence in all its units. In addition, Tribal citizens expect the SPD officers to not only uphold the law, but to be honest, fair and transparent when it comes to dealing with the Tribal communities.
Sgt. Gonzales said to the Tribal participants. "Yout, our eyes and ears to the community. You are vital to making our communities the best and safest places pos-
sible. It's not about us; it's about serving you all to the best of our abilities."

Operations discussed in detail at the four-week point were as follows: road patrol, communications,
community policing, citizen complaints, Tribal training community policing, citizen complaints, Tribal training
opportunities, Tribe services, crime prevention and the youth and elderly units.

In the Week 3 class on May 3, citizen complaints
rved as a popular topic with the Tribal academy stu-

Common complaints that Tribal citizens have
against law enforcement include their side of the story not being heard, officers speeding down the highway and officers displaying rudeness toward them.
According to SPD Sgt. Leonard Noonan, citizen According to SPD Sgt. Leonard Noonan, citizen
complaints are an integral element to the SPD's operations because it maintains a sense of checks and balances within law enforcement.
"Police work is service-oriented," Sgt. Noonan said. "What this [citizen complaints] does is keep evThe Week 4 class on May 10 focused primarily on the SPD's youth and elderly unit. To become a new
SPD officer, prospective candidates, also known as field raining officers, must spend time with the unit to get considered as its two most important age groups. considered as its two most important age groups.
"Once you know how to treat the people right, they'll do the same to you," SPD Youth and Elderly Officer Scott Akin said. "If they [the seniors and youth] know you're there for them, then they'll open up to you Big Cypress Tribal citizen Candy Cypress, one of his year's Tribal academy students, said she's learning how the class series would turn out, Cypress is happy with the way the SPD officers are presenting their mateial to the Tribal participants.
"You need to take into account what your audience hat goes on with. law enforcement. But when they admit their shortcomings and try to reach out to us, we appreciate them more for it."

SPD's 10-week Citizens Police Academy began on mony on June 28 .
For more information on the Citizen Police Acadmy, contact Sgt. George
Stanley at $954-967-5100$.


Nettie Stewart, far righ
Jr., Lee and Roy Stewart
Community Remembers ‘Lucky’ Stewart

## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - Dozens of friends and family came to the Stewart home in Charles Stewart also known affectionately in the community as "Lucky."
In an intimate gathering May 10, family members including mother Nettie Stew Stewart had a dinner along with several fun-filled activities for the youth, from snow
cones to popcorn to bounce-houses. cones to popcorn to bounce-houses.
"I thank everyone for coming out. It means a lot to my mother. It is a happy but sadher Raymond Jr. to supporters on hand. As a Hollywood resident, Lucky excelled in sports particularly baseball play-
ing catcher, but he also played basketball, ing catcher, but he also played basketball,
bowled and liked billiards. He died at the bowled and liked billiards. He died at the
young age of 21 passing away one year to the day on Mother's Day of last year. "It is funny because everybody knew him but no one knew his real name until he


The late Guy 'Lucky' Charles Stewart, left, with father Raymond 'Sugarfoot' Stewart Sr. The pho-
to has been printed on a custom-made T-shirt.
died," Stewart's mother jokingly said.
Nettie said his nickname stems from overcoming many on and off again health issues while in infancy, all of which he was
not expected to overcome after birth. At one
point, doctors and family felt he would be point, doctors and family felt he would be stay home without needing further hospital ization. Mother and brother al
"When he was himself he was loving and caring and would be there for anybody," said Nettie.
"He was always a happy person, outgo-
ing and friendly and would give his last dollar to help someone out. He will be greatly missed," said Raymond Jr. said.
First Seminole Indian Baptist Church Pastor Paul Buster entertained with musical selections throughout the evening and said "He made an impact and in his family," Buster said. "He is happy in heaven and one day we will all see him
again. He is smiling down on us right now."


Granddaughter and niece Jateija Stewart enjoys a snow cone during the Stewart Memorial dinne
gathering May 10 .

## SPD Hosts Campout on New Lakeland Property

By RYan watson Staff Reporter

TAMPA - A plethora of cultural exhi-
tions were on display April 15 and 16 at the newly acquired Lakeland property for
the Seminole Police Department-sponsored the Semin
campout. Everything from beadwork to snake
handling was on display for the 56 attendees of the two-day event. Among those in attendance were 19 Tribal youths, 10 of which
are currently enrolled in the Police Explor are currently enrolled in the Police Explor-
ers program. ers program. cause that is information that should never get lost," said Capt. Jeff Heintz of SPD.
gTher get lost, said Capt. Jeff Heintz of SPD.
is reason we did it out here [in Lakeland]
is because this land will hopefully one day is because this land will hopefully one day become a reservation and this is
will eventually end up living."
The campout provided a mixture of cul-
wural instruction and lifestyle improvement tural instruction and lifestyle improvement
sessions by Tribal adults, SPD, Seminole Fire Rescue and various Tampa Field Office employees. The event was considered a
huge success and plans to schedule another huge success and plans to schedule another

campout are already in the works. campout as we speak," SPD Lt. Jerry Her| $\begin{array}{l}\text { campout as we speak," SPD Lt. Jerry Her-- } \\ \text { ring said at the Tampa community meeting }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | Tampa Field Office employees and Tribal members gather around a traditionally started bond fire.

in April. "It will most likely be this fall and the camp out will become a Tribal-wide
we will let you know when we have a date." event. we will let you know when we have a date." event. "It's definitely something that I would spread around to other reservations and like to see take place on every reservation,"
phere has been speculation that events like said Heintz.



Nelson, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson


Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie, left, President Richard Bowers Jr., second from left, and Chairman Mitchell Cypress, right,
welcomed Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., at the Chairman's office on May 10 for a meet and greet.


Chairman Mitchell Cypress, left, and President Richard Bowers Jr. pose du ing a meet and greet with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson on May 10.

Tribal Officials Meet and Greet U.S. Sen. Bill

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The 35- to 44-year-old Tribal women looked stun
and Music Festival's clothing contests on May 1.


## Seminole Arts and Music Festival Displays Wide Variety of Talents

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Holly Tiger Bowers envisioned the first-ever Seminole Arts and
Music Festival as a means to show off the myriad of talents the Tribal citizens possess. The Tribal visionary sought to have the
two-day inaugural exhibit, held from April two-day inaugural exhibit, held from April
30 -May 1 , in a relatively laid-back and cen-30-May 1 , in a relatively laid-back and cen-
trally located Tribal facility. That is what made the Junior Cypress Rodeo Grounds the perfect spot to host a festival of this magnitude, according to Bowers.
"I really missed that open, festival feel we had in years past," Bowers said, referring primarily to Tribalidide events such as the
annual Tribal Fair in Hollywood, which she feels is located in an urbanized setting. "I wanted to make sure that element was alive at this event. That rustic Seminole feeling is
alive and well here at Big Cypress." alive and well here at Big Cypress."
The Seminole Arts and Music Festival The Seminole Arts and Music Festival featured a car show, a slew of clothing and
art contests, carnival rides and several performances by Tribal musical artists.
To top it off, there were two country To top it off, there were two country
music performances on separate nights, as
veteran artist Charlie Daniels performed a
upstart country star Phil Vassar wowed the
audience with his 23 -song live night set on May 1 . Fans of the two artists were able to gain greest session each of the two nights, receiving autographs and taking pictures with the stage. Bowers delved into why the two talSeminole Arts and Music Festival
"I remember country music being the their Seminole clothing attire in the three common denominator at all the reservations aforementioned categories the next day growing up," Bowers said. "Charlie Daniels relate to our Tribal elders but still who can rent sound. Phil Vassar is a new artist, but he's good at what he does, especially when he plays piano onstage. Overall, I wanted to let people see the different variations country music has to offer."
While country music took center stage While country music took center stage
at the Rodeo Grounds Arena, it was the slew of Seminole musical arts that attracted the most attention at the two-day festival. Held at the Rodeo Grounds Entertain ment Building, Paul Buster and the Cow-
set by Seminole rap group Savage Money,
as they energized the audience with perforas they energized the audience with performances of some of their tracks, including name just two rap songs.
The Seminole youth clothing contests came after those two Tribal musical acts, as they showed off a variety of old-style, tradiin attendance.
[May 1]. "It was just a way to draw Tribal parcontests," Bowers said. "It's always good to display the Seminole colors in clothing and let them know what Tribal members wore in earlier days.' It
It wasn't just the clothing contests and
country musical performances country musical performances that took
place both days. More Seminole musical artists displayed their talents to the festival attendees on the event's second day [May 1], with Seminole Star Search winner Tori Osceola belting out a few tunes to begin the veteran artist Charlie Daniels performed a
two-hour long live night set on April 30 and
April 30 with sed the musal gospel festivities on
action.
Tori
including Adam Lambert's "Whatdya Want including, Adam Lambert's "Whatdya Wan
From Me" and Justin Beiber's "Baby." The duo of Larissa De La Rosa and Jillian Rodriguez, also known as the I-Town lian Rodriguez, also known as the I-Town
Girls Dance Group (Immokalee Reservaion), stood out in the sea of performances, Ence. erforming high-energy dance sermances, Elite Judging Group also served as the "Baby" and Beyonce's hit, "Sin-
gle Ladies (Put a
Ring on It)" Ring on It)." Preston
Osceola and Stephen Billie were among other Sem-
inole standout artinole standout art-
ists who gave performances on the festival's second day of action.
"If you look "If you look
around, it's awearound, it's awe-
some what you see here," Tori
Osceola said. "It's wonderful for us Seminoles to show
off all out talents off all out talents


In the Seminole Arts and Music Festival's clothing contest, the trio of Hollywood Tribal citizens Neil Baxley, Marion Tommie and Markell Billie repre-
sented themselves well in the adult men's modern traditional 25 - to 34 -year -old category on May 1.


Best wishes at Florida State University!


## Marc Fomby Brings Gang and Music Awareness to the Big Cypress Reservation

## BY NAII TOBIAS

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress Community re ceived an eye-opening experience in the arenas of music and gang activity at a workshop series hosted by FTC ficer Marc Fomby.
Fomby, a motivational speaker, gave the Tribal community and employee attendees an in-depth look at the impact that gangs and music can have on youth.
"We have to be careful about our future," Fomby said. "We need to invest in our children. It's our responsibility as adults to show them the right way."
During the two-day workshop on April 14-15 Fomby touched on how important it is for parents to know what their children are doing and who they associate themselves with. Fomby encouraged parents know the types of music their kids are listening to.
All of that, Fomby said, can strengthen the parent child relationship and mitigate trouble down the line for their young ones. "Gith your kids," Fomby said. "It's important we get them and track and spend time with them." Studies show that without proper family structure, youth may turn to gang activity for inspiration. The top youth mas turn to gang activity for inspiration. The top
three reasons children nationwide join gangs, according to studies, are to seek a sense of belonging, structure/ discipline, and safety and security
"You need to find out what's going on in your community," Fomby said in a session called "Gangs 101," the first of four workshop meetings that took place April 14 at the Big Cypress Community Center. "It takes a With two boys and two girls of his own, Fomby knows that being aware of child activity in the home and abroad is a crucial element to their development. In other words, Fomby encouraged the parents to "snooper-
vise" their kids. "Be nosey," Fomby said. "You need to pay attention to what's going on with them [your kidst]. If you
find things in the home that don't seem right, then it's
chance for you to intervene. If you find nothing, then Fomby encouraged parentst to know and understand
he words to many of the latest music hits, which can contain obscene and vulgar language. As hip-hop has become a billion-dollar business, youth now has access oo the genre in
to Fomby.
In a session entitled "Message in the Music: Blame It on the Alcohol," Fomby played snippets of several hip-hop songs and videos to both the youth and parents, including Jamie Foxx's and T-Pain's "Blame It," Soulja Boy's "Crank That" and New Boyz's "You're a Jerk.
Particularly with the Grammy-winning hit song "Blame It," Fomby went over the words with the attendees, explaining that the song is basically about having sex while being drunk.
"Do y'all even know what they're saying?" Fomby asked the Tribal youth in attendance.
"No," they responded in unison.

The questionable music lyrics that appear in hiphop music can appear in other genres as well, such as country and rock-and-roll, according to Fomby.
"Music knows no boundaries," Fomby said. "If you take the music away and just listen to the words, it's a Big Cypress Tribal

- Bised at the messages he found Rashaun Jim was surJim listens to hip-hop music and other genres, he said he's careful not to just play that around anyone. "The message was interesting to me," Jim, 14 , said. When there are little kids around, I don't listen to rap.
feel like I'm disrespecting the elders by doing that I feel like I'm disrespecting the elders by doing that. Fomby offered some parting though
"I
" want you to take the information and do somehing with it," Fomby said. "If we do nothing to help our For more information, call Fomby at 601-939020, e-mail him at fombyconsulting@bellsouth.net or visit www.marcfomby.com.


## Tribal Citizen Set for Film Debut

BY CHRIS. C. JENKINS
HOLLYWOOD - Tribal citizen and filmmaker Sam Tommie will be making his feature film debut as executive producer for an upcoming, full-length film en titled "Damaged Souls."
The multi-talented writer, artist, director and profor his latest project set to begin on June 13
for his latest project set ta begin on the true account of a
The film will be based on the
dysfunctional Fort Lauderdale family spotlighting the mental and emotional trauma, isolation and struggles
of a young woman from adolescence through her adult of a young woman from adolescence through her adult
years.
"I feel it in a "I feel it is a personal venture for me and I have a
devotion to it," Tommie said. "Any human misfortune to families is very personal to me. It is also personal for me to relay the message to keep moving on."
The Bird Clan member said the film will be shot with local talent from the Fort Lauderdale/Broward
County vicinity and on location throughout the Holywood area over a 12 -day period through Tommie's newly formed company Spirit Star Productions. "It is a good cast, good script and I think
it was all a pat of an exprience enjoyed. but once I was there it opened up a lot of doors from a ontact standpoint," he said. "I was happy to be there to support the cast members and glad my family was there support me. Tommie said Women in Distress of Broward Councirculating the short film version of the movie at its facilities.
Women in Distress of Broward County is a nationally accredited, state certified, full service domestic vioence center in Broward County providing victims of and resources as well as education in their communities o stop abuse. It also offers a 24 hour crisis prevention hotline and support for victims and their children at various locations within the county according to its website For more information on the film "Damaged Souls" or for casting and internship opportunities log on to the or for casting and internship opportunities
facebook damagedsouls-officialfilm page. e cause is something I am glad to be a part ore less fortunate," Tommie said. He said that most of the real individuals' changed.

The film will be directed by friend Wedens Raymond. He will be making his feature fident in Raymond and looks forward to the fident in Raymond ar.
"He [Wedens] is pretty passionat
od at what he does," Tommie said.
Although Tommie will be making his first go-round in the executive seat, he still
has plenty of forthcoming film and documentary projects he is writing and directing. The film's red carpet trailer premiere held on April 30 with cast members, friends, and family on hand for a sneak peek at the
MI-VI Theater in Hallandale Beach's Gulf-


Big Cypress Recreation Department Entertains with Family Skate Night


Richard Billie, left, Jonah Alvarado, center, and Isaiah Alvarado
all took to the skating rink as Michael Jackson's smash it, "Billie Jean", played in the background,
during the Family Skate Night during the Family Skate Night
event at the Herman L. Osceola event at the Herman L. $\mathbf{O}$
Gymnasium on April 23 .


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## Third Annual Spring Fling Goes Green with Information

BY rachel buxton

FORT PIERCE

125 Tribal members, employees and guests participated in the third annual Spring Fling ebrating this year's theme "CCanch cethe eco?" Eleven Tribal departments came out April 17 in an effort to promote going green along with the many programs and events they have to offer Tribal members within the ole Tribe
age to raise a child. This is our vill village to raise a child. This is our village,"
said Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie. "The Tribe embraces its people and provides pro-
grams and provides departments, and without the people representing those programs and departments a lot of the things we have,
we wouldn't have today." we wouldn't have today.
The participating departments included
Community Planning, Seminole Police Department, Adult Education, Family Services, Education, Environmental Resource Management, 'Housing, Seminole Indian 4-H,
Seminole Health, Fire Rescue and Fitness, Each department had a booth set up with flyers, brochures and take-home goodies for Tribal members and guests. The Seminole Police Department handed out mugs and information on their new Explorer program
offered to Tribal youth to help build leaderoffered to Tribal youth to help build leader-
ship and drug safety awareness. ship and drug safety awareness. are available not only to protect them, but are available not only to protect them, but
also to work with them, to getting their kids involved in positive activities," said police officer Colleen Hardin.
The Seminole Health Department set up a mock farmer's market handing out
fresh fruits and vegetables. Barbara Boling
and nutritionist Valari Fauntleroy passed out
nutritional brochures educating Tribal memnutritional brochures educating Tribal mem
bers on how to cut out sodium and how to easily add fresh produce into their daily diet. easily add fresh produce into their daily diet.
Aducation along with the Educaion Department offered information about
scholarship opportunities for upcoming graduates along with programs such as the Cultural Exchange, provided by the Eduseeking higher education.
Throughout the day a few departments
took to the stage to put on brief demonstra-
tions to further educate Tribal members on
heir provided programs.
Fire Rescue put on
Fire Rescue put on fire extinguishe
demonstrations and allowed children to spray the fire hose, adding to the excitement.
At their booth, Fire Rescue passed out information on the programs provided, including the senior citizen home inspection, Risk
Watch program for students and fire safety. "We want them to be safe. We want their home to be safe," beid Safe. We want Marshall David Logan.
The Fitness Department brought volunteers on stage to demonstrate a few tech-
niques they use in some of their fitness classeques they use in some of their fitness classes offered. Natasha Perez and Denise Masak
nformed the crowd of a few new classes offered such as martial arts and handed out schedules of classes available.
The Environmental The Environmental Resource Management Department provided an array of
material pertaining to the theme of the day going green. Craig Tepper spoke on simple hings individuals can do to help save the environment. His department passed out reusable drink thermoses to cut down on plasic use. Brochures were given out informing
he Tribal members from different counties the Tribal members from different counties
on the specific recycling restrictions to their
area.

Alex Tommie visits with Education's Vocational
rie Dufour on how he can further his education.

 "We want you to make
consciund decision inchang.
ins some of your habis son
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tha
this earth will exist
 great grandchildren. Pro-
tecting the Earth and going green is our responsibility."
As parents and the older teens gained pertinent infor-
mation regarding the many opportunities the Tribe of fers, the little ones were en-
tertained with face painting, balloon artists and a bounce
house. Also on display were
the renderings to the new
Fort Pierce Community the renderings to the new
Fort Pierce Community
Center that is set to break ground this summer.


Everett Osceola of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and traditions of Tribal foods during the Sem-

## Seminole Moments Series Features Traditional Foods

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - The foods of the Tribe are as traditional as their heritage and
customs. Everett Osceola of the Ah-Tah-ThiKi Museum Community Outreach Program gave some interesting insight into their diet and meal preferences in the latest Seminole Moments series featuring traditional foods. Tribal employees gathered at the Tribal
headquarters for the April 15 event with headquarters for the April 15 event with a
special appearance and performance by special appearance and performance by
Tribal senior Paul Buster. He gave his thoughts on traditional diet choices growing up and the connection between the Seminole "The Semine.
"The Seminoles have used everything
around them for meals. This is how they around them for meals. This is how they were able to survive," Osceola said. "In our
culture we have an array of things we are accustomed to trying and eating."
Buster explained that for hundreds of
years the Seminoles have been known as a years the Seminoles have been known as a
farming people.
"Much of our existence has been de-
$\qquad$
"Back in my time we lived in harmony with nature and each other." "Many of our youth
today do not know about the traditional foods and customs from my day." Historically, the Seminole women harasted corn, sweet potatoes, beans, berries and squash among many other types of fruits
and vegetables. The men did the hunting and fishing, catching game such as gar fish, deer, urkey, rabbits, turtles, and the well-known Tribal delicacy alligator tail. Dishes include cornbread, gopher and turtle stew, soups, as
well as another Seminole staple - sofkee. Osceola said the drink played an in strumental role in the Seminoles' survival centuries ago because it was very edible and simple to prepare while in wartime, times of hiding or other times of crisis. He said at one time the root "Coontie" was the main
source for the drink since it was the only thing available.
As a warm or cold beverage the recipe
can be made with grits, roasted corn, fruits The predominate choice ingredient in modern times is corn using hominy meal (or

The recipe calls for boiling two quart
of water then adding one teaspoon bak ing soda, two cups of white rice and three tablespoons cornstarch. The mixture is then stirred intermittently to prevent the rice from ticking to the bottom of the pan. Boiling
hould be from $12-15$ minutes while lowering the heat then adding baking soda while stirring frequently until the rice is tender, hen allow the drink to cool.
Other traditional foods are fry bread and boiled swamp cabbage. Fry bread is a
batter mixture fried in hot grease in a flatbottomed pot over an open fire. Boiled wamp cabbage (or Taal-holelke) is cut from he heart of a cabbage palm. It is prepared by stripping off the outer hard tough fronds to part and is normally cut into is the tenderest part and is normally cut into strips or cubes.
It is then cooked slowly in a small amount of water for 20-30 minutes, adding cane syrup, sugar or salt for flavor and taste. It should be stirred frequently to prevent sticking and
appears on grocery shelves as "Hearts of Palm

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## Tribal Youth Participate in 2nd Annual Family Fun Day



Tribal children
Family Fun Day.


Immokalee Presents Employee Appreciation Day

BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - A day of fun and excitement marked the Third Annual En-
ployee Appreciation Day in Immokalee. ployee Appreciation Day in Immokalee.
"It's that time of the year again to sho my appreciation to all of the employees who


Big Cypress Youth Dance, Have Fun at Rock Star Party
$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - An upstart rock band visited the Big Cypress Reservation on April
23 as it performed classic songs at the Com23 as it performed classic songs at the
munity Center's "Rock Star Party." Stella's Basement energized the youth
crowd with its style of play, covering hits crowd with its style of play, covering hits
such as Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell," Godsmack's "Keep "American Girl."
The Fort Lauderdale-based band spe much of its three hours performing 35 songs
in an almost nonstop fashion, wowing the Tribal and community youngsters.
About 35 children and About 35 children and teenagers at
tended and took to the dance floor Lisal tended and took to the dance floor. Lisandra
Baker, 13, and Tia Osborne, 16, teamed up Baker, 13, and Tia Osborne, 16 , teamed up
to become the focal pieces of attention for the night.
Big C

Big. Cypress Community Center Assis-
tant Director Arelys Valdes, who spent some time dancing with the youngsters, said she
was excited about the band coming out to perform. Valdes added that with events like, "We just want them to have a good time," she said.
Stella's Basement, which consists of bass guitarist Bobby Bell, vocalist Ken
Johnson, drummer John Shelton and lead

work so hard and diligently to make the Im-
mokalee Reservation such a success," Im-
mokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said. "It takes a lot of hands, strong backs, minds and dedication to the job to make
things run smoothly and your combined efhings run smoothly and your
Kicking massible."
guitarist Billy Simonelli, was tapped to $\begin{aligned} & \text { display for the youth. } \\ & \text { perform at the reservation by Big Cypress } \\ & \text { "It was a pleasure playing for the peo- }\end{aligned}$. Community Center Director Jack Gorton. ple here at Big Cypress," Johnson said. "It's Johnson said he was thankful that Gor- like one bigg family here. It's a friendly at-
on, Valdes and the Big Cypress Reservation mosphere," gave his band a chance to put their talents on


Stella's Basement puts on a rousing three-hour long performance set for the Tribal and community

Seminole Moments Presentation in Fort
Pierce Teaches about Native Languages
Seminole Moments Presentation in Fort
Pierce Teaches about Native Languages up at the lake for canoe races. Grown ups
are just children who have been around for a rew years longer and they had a blast com-
peting on the water and land. peting on the water and land.
Dividing into teams they hit the softball field running with ample players on both
sides and a wild and rowdy cheering section. Then it was back to the Gym for a game
of Deal or No Deal and a much appreciated of Deal or No Deal and a much appreciated
lunch. Chairman Mitchell Cypress presented
Certificates of Appreciation to all of the employees regardless of time served
"One person who puts their heart into
their work can only do so much, but working together you are each important links in the chain and the job gets done," he said. "It is human nature to take for granted the things that people do for us daily. Today, we
want you to know that this is not the case. We need you and appreciate your effort all year long."
lar on more than 30 ys congratulated Aguilar on more than 30 years of service to her
community and the Seminole Tribe of Florcommunity and the Seminole Tribe of Flor-
ida. He said, "Elaine has made a lifetime commitment to taking care of others and
under her supervision your reservation has been transformed from a few chickees to Distribution of tote bags, towels, water


## BY NAII TOBIAS

 Staff ReporterBIG CYPRESS - A sense of camaraderie betwee Tribal and non-Tribal citizens was felt in the relatively hot and humid air at the sixth annual Watermelon Fes tival on May 8.
Held at the B

Held at the Big Cypress softball field, the celebracar show, a seed-spitting contest, a rib cook-off and a watermelon eating contest to highlight the action. Approximately 20 Big Cypress departments col-
laborated on this year's Watermelon Festival, with the laborated on this years Wacermiron Festival, with the event being sponsored by Chairman Mitchell Cypress,
President Richard Bowers, Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress, Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. Paul Bowers and the Big Cypress Recreation Department. The event began with a 15 -minute long alligator wrestling performance by Big Cypress Tribal citizen
Billy Walker, who galvanized the crowd of onlookers with a few of his signature alligator moves such as the Everglades hop and the alligator smile to end the show. It was followed by a horseshoe tournament, which
the Tribal citizens participated in under a tent at the ball the Trib
field.
Further down the softball field was a rib cook-off
contest that featured Tribal participants Paul "Cow-
bone" Buster, Paul "Chunky" Buster, Daniel Jumper
and Joe Herrera. All four rib cooks were seen steaming their meat products on the grill, with many of the approximately
A car show was held toward the rear of the ball
field, displaying several classic and moder vehic field, displaying several classic and modern vehicles.
Tribal and non-Tribal youngsters took part in a ho f games and rides, including a rock climbing device, a water dunking machine and a slew of bounce houses
and water slides to choose from.
"This is about family activities here," Paul "Cow-
bone" Buster said. "It represents family time, which is a positive thing to do. With all the contests we have here positive thing to do. With all the contests we have here
today, we can all show our Seminole talents to the pub-

## Since 2005, the Watermelon Festival has attracted hundreds of people from different

 hundreds of people from different locations to not just enjoy the bevy of activities available, but to also celplace between mid-April and mid-May of each year According to Big Cypress Recreation DepartmentAssistant Director Stan Frischman, the watermelo Assistant Director Stan Frischman, the watermelon farmers nearby have recently began releasing the fruits climax. $\underset{\text { Frisc }}{\substack{\text { limax. }}}$
north of the Big Cypress Reservation Frischm Cypress Reservation. Frischman tasted some of the watermelons after
sizing up the fruit in time for the watermelon-eating and seed-spitting contests, saying it was "fresh and juicy." That boded well for all the contestants in the water-
melon eating contest, as Tribal and community citizens melon eating contest, as Tribal and community citizens they could.
Melissa Billie, a watermelon-eating contest entrant, used the competition as a means to try out something new and different. Though Billie said she doesn't
like watermelons all that much, she felt it didn't hurt to give it a shot anyhow. much, she felt it didn't hurt to In the end, Billie

"Once we started the contest, I pretty much know I had in the bag," Billie said. "I was just swallowing it, while everyone else was chewing it and taking their
time." When the final event of the day reached its concluand refreshed, offered some parting thoughts on the Waermelon Festival.
"II's always good every year, you know," Billie
said. "It's a great thing that everyone pitched in said. "It's a great thing that everyone pitched in togethe
to make it a fun time for everyone, especially our kids. to make it a fun time for everyone, especially our kids.
would like to see something like this again."


With a host of Watermelon Festival participants watching in the background, alligator wrestler Billy Walker, from Big Cypress performs a set of tricks to the crowd's bewilder-
ment, which includes his signature move, the Everglades hop.


Ridge Bailey, left, Roderick Bert, center, and Chaska Osceola, right, are racing each other to see who can eat the fastest during the watermelon eating contest
at the Watermelon Festival on May 8 .

Both Michelle Evanston, left, and Melissa Billie, right, finish in the top two for


Both Michelle Evanston, left, and Melissa Billie, right, finish in the top two
the adult category of the Watermelon Festival's watermelon eating contest.

Paul 'Cowbone' Buster places a special touch on his grilled ribs as he cooks his way
cook-off contest.


Caitlin Cypress and Leauna Billie face off in the $13-17$ year old cat-
egory at the Watermelon Festival's watermelon eating contest.


Paul 'Cowbone' Buster places a special touch on his grilled ribs as
he cooks his way to the top prize at the Watermelon Festival's rib

WATERMELON FESTIVAL RESULTS Watermelon Eating Contest

Ages 3-5: 1. Kadin Tommie, 2. Xzavion Tommie; Ages 6-8: 1. Analysse Stockton, Harmony Cypress, 3. Billy Bailey; Ages 9-12:
Cameron Osceola, 2. Ridge Bailey, 3. Alyssa J. Cameron Osceola, 2. Ridge Bailey, 3. Alyssa J.
Osceola; Ages 13-17: 1. Leauna Billie, 2. Caitlin Cypress; Ages 18-54: 1. Melissa Billie, 2. Michelle Evanston, 3. Renee Tigertail; Ages 55 and up: 1. Elden Tecumseh, 2. Teresa Jumper, *T-3. Keeno King and Paul Buster

## Seed Spitting Contest

Ages 3-5: 1. Xavier Hill (7-foot-10), 2. Kadin Tommie (7-6), 3. Aniya Cypress (5-10); Ages 6-8: 1. Harmony Cypress (9-5), 2. Arissa Cypress (7-0); Ages 9-12: 1. Romeo Garcia
(17-9), 2. Terance Hill (11-5), (17-9), 2. Terance Hill (11-5), 3. Cameron Billie
(9-7); Ages 13-17: 1. Caitlin Cypress (11-9), (9-7); Ages 13-17: 1. Caitlin Cypress (11-9),
2. Katie Bert (8-8); Ages 18-54: 1. Georgina Grasshopper ( $30-4$ ), 2. Cathy Jumper ( $26-6$ ), 3 Paul 'Chunky' Buster (25-4); Ages 55 and up: 1. Mary Tigertail (17-0), 2. Keeno King (10-5). Rib Cook-Off Contest

Tribal: 1. Paul 'Cowbone’ Buster, ${ }^{* *}$ T-2. Paul 'Chunky' Buster and Daniel Jumper, 4. Joe Herrera; Non-Tribal: 1. Evelyn 'Ms. Maxine'
Gilkes, 2. Carter Clough. Gilkes, 2. Carter Clough.
Horseshoe Tournament
Men's Singles: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Alvin
Buster, 3 Sandy Billie: Women's Singles Buster, 3. Sandy Billie; Women's Singles:

1. Demetria Tigertail, 2. Renee Tigertail, 3 . 1. Demetria Tigertail, 2. Renee Tigertail, 3.
Cecilia Tigertail; Senior Men's Singles: 1. Rudy Cecilia Tigertail; Senior Men's Singles: 1. Rudy
Osceola, 2. Billie Johns, 3. Joe B. Osceola; Osceola, 2. Biliee Johns, 3. Joe B. Osceola; 2. Daisy Jumper; Co-Ed Doubles: 1. Charlie 2. Daisy Jumper, Co-Ed Doubles.: Chilliarie
Cypress and Carol B. Osceola, 2. Billie Johns and Cathy Jumper, 3. Mary Tigertail and Joe B. Osceola.

## Emergency Departments Advise to Prepare for Any Emergency, Not Just Hurricanes

BY CARL FOWLER

$\qquad$ Brighton, Fort Pierce and Tampa Reservat
In the past month, several disasters have occurred that remind us how vulnerable we are to both natural and man-made events.
As we approach the start of the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season, it's important for us to prepare for all types of emergencies.
Two of the disasters that happe Two of the disasters that happe
April were unusual yet catastrophic. April were unusual yet catastrophic.
The eruption of Iceland's Eyafjalla The eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallaerated millions of tons of ash that devastated much of that country's farmland. It also pro-
duced an ash cloud that drifted east toward duced an ash cloud that drifted east toward
Europe and virtually shut down the contiEurope and virtually shut down the conti-
nent for several days. Authorities banned commercial air traffic out of fear that the plume would stall a passenger jet's engines.
Travelers bound for Europe found themselves stranded in numerous cities all over
the world when their flights were cancelled selves stranded in numerous cities all over $\quad$ In Florida, the warmer months of spring
the world when their flights were cancelled
indefinitely. Altogether, the eruption of the and summer bring hazards that we're fa-


Eyjafjallajokull volcano affected over 1 mil-
lion airline passengers and cost the airline industry hundreds of millions of dollars. On April 20, an oil drilling platform op-
erated by British Petroleum in the Gulf of erated by British Petroleum in the Gulf of
Mexico exploded, burned and sunk in water over one mile deep, killing 11 workers on
the rig and injuring several others. In the process, the platform's pipe that carried oil from beneath the seabed to the surface ruptured and began leaking crude at a rate of
210,000 gallons per day. Thus far, all efforts to stop or reduce the leaks have failed, and the oil spill has already become an environmental disaster of historic proportions.
While the communities of the Seminole by a volcano eruption or a massive oil spill, these disasters remind us that we need to be prepared for any occurrence that can disrupt and possibly endanger our lives.
lightning, wildfires and of course the pos, it has a fresh battery installed at all times. sibility of hurricanes and course the poslaving a family disaster plan and a family emergency supplies kit are two of the best ditions.

The family plan
Discuss with all of your family members how to prepare for and survive a severe
weather event. Look for any weaknesses in your home (such as a leaky roof, and windows and doors that aren't protected), and take the steps to correct them. Identify a safe
room or area in your home away from winroom or area in your home away from windows that your family can go to if necessary.
Know where the nearest tribal community or county shelter is located should you need to evacuate your home, and identify a sin-
gle point of contact for all family members (preferably someone out of the area or out of state) if you evacuate and become separated as well. Buy a NOAA weather rad for them
has a fresh battery installed at all times.
The emergency supplies kit The emergency supplies kit.
Prepare a kit that includes ble food and beverage items and first aid supplies should you decide to stay in your home during a storm or other severe weather emergency. For drinking water, one gallon per person per day is the average recommended amount. And remember to include
infant supplies, pet supplies and foods for infant supplies, pet supplies and foods fo
those in the household with special dietetic needs.

Preparing now for severe weather will help lessen the impact on you and your family if it occurs. For more information, please
visit the Department of Emergency Management web page at http://www.stofemd.com and go to the All Hazard Guide (click on All Hazard PDF file to the left of the page).

Severe weather facts
The deadliest hurricane to strike the

## Car Show

lassic Cars Category: 1. Daniel Jumper, 2 Ronnie Billie Jr.; Best Interior - Classic Cars:

1. Daniel Jumper; Best Paint - Classic Cars: Daniel Jumper; Best Engine - Classic Cars: 1 Ronnie Billie J. J.
Muscle Cars Category: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. - Muscle Cars: 1. Charlie Cypress; Best Paint - Muscle Cars: 1 . Charlie Cypress; Best Engine - Muscle Cars: 1. Charlie Cypress. Other Cars Category: **1. Patrice Dalton Jumper, 3. Ronnie Billie Sr.: Best Paint - $4 \times$ Jumper, 3. Ronnie Billie Sr.; Best Paint - $4 \times$ Truck: 1. Daniel Jumper; Best Engine $-4 \times 4$ Truck: 1. Sandy Billie.
Jeep Category: ****1. Sandy Billie. Sport-Utility Vehicle (SUV) Category: 1. Keifer Bert, 2. Myra Jumper; Best Interior - SUV: 1.
Keifer Bert; Best Paint - SUV: 1 . Myra Jumper Best Engine - SUV: 1. Keifer Bert. Street Bike Category: 1. Ronnie Billie Sr., 2 Ronnie Billie Sr.; Best Paint - Street Bike: Ronnie Billie Sr.
Hoggs Category: 1. Ronnie Billie Sr., 2. Ronnie
Billie Sr., 3. Thomas Billie; Best Paint - Hoggs:

## 1. Ronnie Billie Sr.

depy-Side Category: 1. Christalee
Best at Show Category: 1. Charlie Cypress
(Ford Mustang Shelby)
Sound-Off Category: 1. Sandy Billie.
iPad Raffle Winner: 1. Sandy Billie Jr.
50/50 Drawing Winner for \$150: 1. Keeno .
Notations: *T-3 means tied for third place. "T-2 means tied for second place. ***In the for Best Interior, Best Paint and Best Engine. ***n the "Jeep" category, Sandy Billie also won for Best Interior, Best Paint and Best Engine.

8000 people.
C. The strongest hurricane to strike the
U.S. was also an unnamed Category Five U.S. was also an unnamed Category Five
storm that hit the Florida Keys with a pressure of 892 mb . - There are no hurricane names that be-
in with Q, U, X, Y, or Z. That's because here aren't many names that begin with - The sus - The sustained winds of Hurricane Karina were 140 mph when it made landfall
in Grand Isle, Louisiana, in 2005 , but Hurricane Camille was stronger. Its winds were an incredible 190 mph when it struck the Mississippi Gulf coast in 1969.

More people are killed by lightning each year than by any other type of hazard - Tampa is generally considered to be the lightning capital of the U.S.

- Tornadoes can sometimes be extremey high as well as wide. One that struck the equoia National Park in California reached an altitude of 12,000 feet.


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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY


Gilbert Guerrero, 2, gives his mother, Heather Billie, a kiss for showing up at the Preschool's Mother's Day Breakfas on May 6.

## Big Cypress Preschool

Celebrates Mother's Day with Breakfast


Tommi Stockton, 1, and her older brother, Micah Stockton, 4, give roses to their mother, Tommi Billie.

BY NAII TOBIAS
BIG CYPRESS - The Preschool's Mother's Day Breakfast on May 6 provided an opportunity
for the Tribal and community mothers to spend quality time with their young children.
There were mothers and children there who exchanged hugs and kisses, to the delight of the preschool's staff. To the mothers' surprises, they each received
roses from their children, capping off the hourlong morning function.
are appreciated," said Claudia Esparza, the preschool's parent involvement aide. "It's a blessing
that they are able to be with their kids at this im that they are able to be with their kids at this im
portant part of their lives. We're glad to share in this special occasion with all of our mothers ou there."
The preschool has held a Mother's Day Break ast for about 10 years, according to Esparza. Tommi Billie, the mother of Preschool stushared her thoughts on what celebrating Mother's shared her thoughts on wheans to her.
Day mes that my two children are
"I'm very blessed that here with me," Billie said, adding that she had very peaceful time at the breakfast. "Some moth ers have passed away and the children can't see
them anymore. We're blessed to have mothers aunts, grandmothers and cousins that help fill the void for children that don't have one." The Preschool's Mother's Day Breakfast was
provided by preschool cooks Elizabeth Rivera and provided by
Karen Shaw.

Naples Community Recognizes Mothers at a Special Mother's Day Brunch


Doug Zepeda gives his grandmother, Tahama Osceola, a Moth-
er's Day hug at the Naples celebration. er's Day hug at the Naples celebration.
ing and hired out as day laborers in the fields to insure a future for their people. Times have changed but the burdens of responsibility are still carried by our mothers. We
owe them our existence and everyday is Mother's Day."


Brothers Joseph, left, and Dominic wish their mom, Karie Osceola-Lugo a Happy Mother's Day at the Naples brunch.

## Mothers Get Royal Treatment at Immokalee Celebration

Fry JUDY WEEKS
IMMOKALEE - Surrounded by their children, mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers were rewarded at the Immo-
kalee Mother's Day celebration on the night of May 7 . Lavishly decorated for the occasion, the gymnasi perfect setting for family reunions and commemorative opportuni-
"You have only one mother and because of her you are here tonight," Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said. "No matsafety and wants the best for you. Her love is unconditional and you should return that love in the same way."
"If we are lucky enough to see our mother everyday, we have a tendency to take her for granted or find fault with her. Remember that just like you, she is only human and when she is gone, you will miss her and you will not be ab
share in her love," Aguilar said.
Following an elegant dinner and gourmet dessert, raffle tickets were drawn. Every mother in the community received an opportu-
nity to come forward and select a gift from the vast assortment of nity to come forward and select a g
cherished items that filled the tables.

Applause filled the gymnasium as seniors were given special
recognition for their contribution to their families and community. recognition for their contribution to their families and community.
Each one of the elders received a piece of luggage on wheels for use Each one of the elders received a piece of lugga,
during their senior adventures and gift baskets.


Maria Billie, left, and Ruby Garcia assist Rachel Billie with her Mother's Day presents at the Immokalee Community celebration.


Louise Motlow requires more than her wheelchair to carry away the bounty of gifts that she received for Mother's Day in Immokalee.

Brighton Council Office's Brunch Honors Mothers


David Nunez and Alice Sweat. Brighton community members honored mothers May 7 at a Mother's Office. Children, young and old celebrated with their mothers and grandmothers at the Counci


Lottie Huff, left, with daughter Loretta Peterson

Oak catered brunch held in the auditorium of th Brighton Veterans' Building.
 From left, Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr., Joanne Osceola, Mary Jo Micco and Shule Jones,

Tampa Community Offered a Day of Fun to Mothers at Lakeland Property



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Tom Jones impersonator Harmik Kazanchian and Tribal elder Mary Moore dance while Kazanchian sings one of Jones classic songs.
Tribal senior Betty Osceola, center, with event
Sixth Star Entertainment/Marketing company.


## Hollywood Throws 1950s Themed Party for All Mothers

## BY CHRIS C. JENKIN

Staff Reporter
HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal community celebrated the Moth's Day holiday in true throwback style at the Recreation Center with a 1950 s theme.
Complete with dinner, songs, a live band, and décor from the deeade, Trball Board and Councir sponsored well 3 evening dedical ing it to all mothers, with a few surprises as well. able to celebrate and get together here tonight, Mother's Day is we are day," said Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. to all the mothers and families in attendance.
Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. spoke about the strength and perseverance of mothers.
allowed us to be here today," Rep. Marcellus Osceola strong and have Board Rep. Osceola's office also gave away custom.
necklaces and hats.
The night was also highlighted with the band The Fabulons play-
ing many of the era's classic hits along with special guest apparanes ing many of the era's classic hits along with special guest appearances
and performances by Elvis Presley and Tom Jones impersonators Chris and performances by Elvis Presley and Tom Jones impersonators Chris
MacDonald and Harmik Kazanchian. MacDonald and Harmik Kazanchian.


First Baptist Church Pastor Bruce Pratt speaks to the attendees at the Mother's Day Luncheon, telling them
mothers at mothers are God's greatest gift


Big Cypress seniors Dale Grasshopper, Ieft, and Lucille Jumper are two of many mothers who
received special recognition at the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 6 .


The Big Cypress seniors share some special time before and during lunch at the Mother's Day Community Luncheon on May 6 .



Mary Jo Micco joins her friends at the tournament.


Onnie Osceola gets ready to bowl.


Elbert Snow chaied the first place Buxton in the men's 55-64 age category.

Immokalee Presents Senior Mother's Day Party

rom left, Immokalee seniors, Eizabeth Oleo, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Nancy Motlow and Linda Frank gather around Sylvia Marrero, center, to share a piece of cake during their Senior Mother's Day Party on May 7. The group
started the morning off with nine games of Bingo, a Cinco de Mayo luncheon and then boarded a bus for the Council Oak in Hollywood to round out a Happy Mother's Day celebration.


## Education

## Ahfachkee Field Day 2010 Energizes Students, Teachers

## BY JUDY WEEKS

 Staff ReporterBIG CYPRESS - Students and teachers participated in the Ahfachkee School Field Day on April 16, rotating


Round Robin Tournament.

## Ahfachkee Field Day Winning Teams

Pre-K to 4th Grade: 1st Place - Team 7: Maria Villerreal, Miguel Perez, Cypress, Mya Cypress, Evanne Pratt and Jared McInturff. 2nd Place Team 9: Cyiah Avila, Keithanna Onco, Chyler Villerreal, Spencer Aguilar, Amaya Solano, Craig Huckabee, Janesa Jones, Chaska Osceola, Elisah Billie and Celia Reynosa. 3rd Place - Team 5: Kassim Stockton, Nicholus Andrews, Barbara Jimmi, Daleen - sceola, Ricky Rodriguez, Precious Jimmie, Edward Aguilar, Issiah Alvarado, Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, Mazz Robbins and Kevin lvy Cypress, Rayce Noah, Tyrus Billie, GraySon Billie, Alison Herrera, Susie Jim, Leauna Billie, Chelsey Alvarado and Ignacia Rodriguez. 2nd Place Team 3: Jon Ross Billie, Derrick Tiger, Quenton Cypress, Matthew Bluebird, John Robbins, Cooper Rivers, Terri Baker, Sabre Billie, Michaela Billie, Anthony Cypress, R. J. Alumbaugh, Dalton Koenes, Micah Hargis, Tia Osborne, Starzie Vargas, Chana Rodriguez, Chloe Hendrickson and Ryan Cypress.
and the community ball field for orga- designed to promote exercise, hand to team spirit. Older children assisted the nized events. eye coordination, balance, muscle con- younger players and scores began to Coaches Randall Cleckler and Ber- trol, agility, teamwork, sportsmanship nadette Schyvinch enlisted the services of the teaching staff to coordinate comcommunity ball field. The courses were an all around fun-filled day. Pre-kindergarten through. fourth uted into ten teams with equ distribsentation from all ag groups. A numbered the performance of each team as they circulat through the obstacl course of activities. Allowing 10 min utes per event, team
members formed and took turns compet ing in the ring toss, long jump, ball in a sock toss, hula hoop pas hurdles, golf ball in the Erisbee toscer ball kick javelin throw. The final javelin throw. The final
challenge carried the most enthusiasm as the youngsters took part in a
tug-a-war. Assigning a dif
tug-a-war. each team, the member were easily identified
and quickly developed

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## Fifth grade through high schoo

 children were divided in a similar fash-ion into six colorcoded teams and took turns participating in a round robin tournament of softball, basketball and volleyball. All of the teams had an opportunity to play against each other
during the five rounds with a transition aking place every 20 minutes. Following a cafeteria lunch at th school, the student body attended an awards ceremony during which th op three elementary teams were an medallions. Moving to the gym, the medallions. Moving to the gym, the obin and awards went to the winning teams.
lated the Randall Cleckler congratuselves for what you have accomplishe here today," he said.
This is about taking ownershi nd pride in Ahfachkee. You are rais ng the level of your school."
The Ahfachkee Field Day cluded with a staff/student challonon the basketball and volleyball courts. The students triumphed at volleyball, but the staff succ
gin at basketball.


Teams 8 and 5 square off during the Tug-a-War challenge.

## Students Prepare for Culture Exchange With Canoe Training

## BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter

DANIA BEACH - More than 20 Tribal stu ents, parents and members of the Education Depart ment and other Tribal Departments geared up for the second annual Culture Exchange two-week canoe journey to visit the Muckleshoot Tribe in Washington state by attending a
and information session.

The training was in Dania Beact Aprit


Students use their newly learned knowledge and practice paddling canoes.
Canoe Family and Dean of Students for the Muckle anoe Family and Dean of Sill J The first half of the class The first half of the class consisted of a PowerMuckleshoot Tribe and Canoe Family. The students learned about the history and tradition of the Muckeshoot Native Tribe a
feel that exposing them to other Native Tribes

Alex Buck, front, and Seminole Tribe firefighter Josh Eveleth practice paddling in sync.

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evening.


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## Students Compete in Tropicana Speech Contest <br> BY RACHEL BUXTON

BRIGHTON - Students of Pemayetv Emahakv overcame e common fear of public speaking as the school's third- through axth grade Tropicana speech finalists competed for the chance
advance on to the Glades County division. One-by-one, students took to the podium April 27 in the
chool cafeteria and presented their speeches in front of classschool cafeteria and presented their speeches in front of classmates, teachers, family and a panel of judges.
The first and second place winners of each grade level adRudy Juarez and Chloe Chalfant will represent fourth grade taking first and second place respectively. Erik Garcia received Boyd Brown took first place honors for sixth grade followed by Rumor Juarez coming in second. "I think it builds self-confidence," Principal Russell Brown dence to get up in front of people and I think that the competition is good for them as individuals and will help them throughout

The students showed personality and were very animated while giving their speeches, capturing the judges' attention. Rudy Juarez used a variety of hand gestures while explaining
why it isn't easy being him during his speech titled "It's Not Easy Being Me." Erik Garcia used different tones of excitement in his voice talking about his cousin Ila to grab attention. Rumor Juarez stepped up to bat to demonstrate why she loves softball.
"The creativity of the titles and subjects of their speeches
was new," Brown said. "This year was a wide gambit of subjects was new," Brown said. "This,
and it was quite entertaining,"
and it was quite entertaining."
The Tropicana Speech contest is an annual $4-\mathrm{H}$ competition The Tropicana Speech contest is an annual 4-H competition
sponsored by Tropicana Products, Inc. with more than 150,000 participants in more than 50 Florida counties each year. The speech contest is designed to build self-esteem and help students gain valuable communications skills.


Principal Russell Brown introduces Zeke Matthews, who spoke about the Harlem Globetrotters.

Fun Rules at the 10th Annual Hollywood Preschool Day



Brighton Charter School Visits Billie Swamp Safari

Kindergarteners and first grad ers from Pemayetv Emahakv pet a baby alligator during a field trip to
the Billie Swamp Safari on April 16 . Students observed nature during an eco-tour aboard a swamp buggy, participated in a reptie show and
shared a pienic lunch in the tropical gardens surrounded by a variety of birds, animals and reptiles.


Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students of the Week

Awards for Feb. 26 -March 5
Kindergarten
Mrs. Duncan - Dathen Garcia Mrs. Pearce - Caitlyn Olivarez Mrs. Webber - Corey Jumper

First Grade
Mrs. Davis - Billy Bailey Mrs. Johns - Shaela French Mrs. Ringstaff - Todd Pierce

Second Grade
Mrs. Clements - Kai Osceola
Mrs. Moss - Jason Sampson Mrs. Moss - Jason Sampson

## Third Grade

Mrs. Pryor - Satie Rico
Mrs. Williams - Ridge Bailey
Fourth Grade
Mrs. Paige - Dalton Girtman Mrs. Tedders - Jaylynn Jones

Fifth Grade
Mrs. Dobbs - Diamond Shore Mrs. Finney - Bailey Tedders

Sixth Grade
Mrs. Hudson - Zeke Matthews Mrs. Wells - Lahna Sedatol

Mrs. Bond - Aleah Turtle

## Awards for March 8-19

## Kindergarten

Mrs. Duncan - Kyra Toneges Mrs. Pearce - Jason Webber Mrs. Webber - Lupe Mora-Lara

## First Grade

Mrs. Davis - Tanner Shore Mrs. Johns - Aubee Billie Mrs. Ringstaff - Caylie Huff

Second Grade
Mrs. Clements - Silas Madrigal Mrs. Moss - Nyah Davidson

## Third Grade

Mrs. Pryor - Keely Billie Mrs. Williams - Krysta Burton

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Paige - Isaac Osceola Mrs. Tedders - Sunni Bearden

Fifth Grade
Mrs. Dobbs - Trevor Thomas Mrs. Finney - Josh Madrigal

## Sixth Grade

Mrs. Hudson - Jaron Johns Mrs. Wells - Elizabeth Johns Mrs. Bond - Sheldon Garcia

## Awards for March 22- April 6

Kindergarten
Mrs. Duncan - Leilani Burton Mrs. Pearce - Hawk Micco Mrs. Webber - Hannah Moss
First Grade
Mrs. Davis - Heith Lawrence
Mrs. Johns - John Beck
Mrs. Johns - John Beck
Mrs. Ringstaff - Jessie Benjamin

## Second Grade

Mrs. Ball - Dakota Micco Mrs. Clements - Robert Harris
Mrs. Moss - Shy Mrs. Moss - Shyla Gopher
Third Grade
Mrs. Pryor - Alicia Fudge Mrs. Williams - Conner Thomas

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Paige - Chloe Chalfant
Mrs. Tedders - Richard Harris
Fifth Grade
Mrs. Dobbs - Odessa King
Mrs. Finney - Jermaine Bennett
Sixth Grade
Mrs. Hudson - Jaron Johns
Mrs. Wells - Rumor Juarez
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## Students Advance to State Hershey's Track and Field

## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON } & \begin{array}{l}\text { ages } 9-14 \text { from all } \\ \text { ctaff Reporter }\end{array} \\ \text { county competing. }\end{array}$

 Fifty-four students represented PemayOKEECHOBEE - Students of etv Emahakv at the local level with 15 qual Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School com-peted in track and field events May 7 at the to compet at will be held June 19 in Miami.
that peted in track and field events May 7 at the
local division meet for a chance to advance "It feels really good where we can show our strength that we can actually do ing the charter school. petition. Okeechobee High School with students


## Qualifying students:

Boys/Girls Ages 9-10
Lance Howard - 50 Meter Dash Chandler Pearce - Standing Long Jump
Sunni Bearden - 200 Meter Run, $4 \times 100$ Meter Relay
Raeley Matthews - Softball Throw, $4 \times 100$
Meter Relay
Cady Osceola - Softball Throw, $4 \times 100$ Meter
Cady Osceola - Sotball
Relay
Chloe Chalfant $-4 \times 100$ Meter Relay
Boys/Girls Ages 11-12


Layne Th
ter run.

Demetrius Clark - 200 Meter Run, Standing Long Jump Thomas Bearden - Softball Throw dessa King - 200 Meter Run, $4 \times 100$ Meter
Lahna Sedatol - 400 Meter Run, $4 \times 100$ Meter Relay, Softball Throw
Bethany Billie - 800 Meter R Bethany Billie -800 Meter Run
Deliah Carrillo $-4 \times 100$ Relay Shae Pierce $-4 \times 100$ Relay

Boys/Girls Ages 13-14 Kelton Smedley - 800 Meter Run
Kailin Brown - 800 Meter Run


Sunni Beardent Rodney Riser Sunni Bearden races to the finish in the 200-
meter run taking first place with a time of

## Big Cypress Library Hosts

 Mother's Day Gift Basket Workshop

In what was a Mother's Day Gift Basket Workshop at the Big Cypress Library on May , Tribal youngsters coming from the Ahfachkee School took the time to create mosaic papier-mache collage boxes for their mothers in advance of the national holiday. Jaylee
Cypres, Heather Galassini, second from left. Jalycia Billie, 7, second from right, and Kamari Ivey, 6 , also joined in the activity as they placed their works of art into action.

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Pemayetv Emahakv Students Advance to Hershey's Track Meet

## BY RACHEL BUXTO

BRIGHTON - Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students braved the heat April 23 to participate in the school's
track and field meet, competing for a chance to advance on to track and field meet, competing for a chance to advance on to The school's track meet was at the Brighton softball field with students competing in a variety of events including the
50 -meter dash, 100 -meter dash, 200 -meter 50 -meter dash, 100 -meter dash, 200 -meter run, 400 -meter run, 800-meter run, standing long jump, softball throw and
the $4 \times 100$-meter relay. the $4 \times 100$-meter relay.
in their physical education classes preparing and conditioning for the competition.
teacher Chris Goodwin "Thack unit," said Physical Education teacher Chris Goodwin. "The first week we worked on skills
and technique. And the second week the kids chose what events they felt they were best suited for." Students ages 9-14 who placed either first or second in their event, advanced to the local Hershey's Track and Field Meet on May 7 where they competed against students from the entire Okeechobee school district. Kindergarten through second-grade children also parreceive ribbons handed out to the top winners in each only t "It offers individual competition rather than team," said Goodwin. "They just love competition and really step it up
and give it their all. It's great to see all the hard work they put and give it their all. It's great to see all the hard work they pu
in the past week pay off." in the past week pay off."
The National Hershey started in 1978 by Dr. Donald Cohen in an effort to promote started in 1978 by Dr. Donald Cohen in an effort to promote
physical fitness in today's youth. It has become the largest youth sports program with more than 400,000 participants.

Track and Field Results
Boys (9-10)
50 Meter Dash

1. Alyke Baker
2. Alyke Baker
3. Lance Howard
4. Gage Riddle

100 Meter Dash

1. Ivess Baker
2. oscar Yates
3. Oscar Yates
4. Billy Yates

200 Meter Run
2. Layne Thoma
3. Billy Yates

1. Chandler Pearce
2. Lucas Osceola
3. Lance Howard

Standing Long Jump
. Lucas Osceola
2. Joseph Osceola

Softball Throw

1. Andrew Fish
2. Ridge Bailey
$4 \times 100$ Meter Relay . Easton Moss, Layne Thomas, Chandler Pearce, Morgan King 2. Andrew Fish, Drake Lawrence, 3. J.J. Toneges, Alyke Baker, Gage Riddle, Aiden Tommie
Girls (9-10)
50 Meter Dash
3. Cady Osceola
4. Paige Micco

100 Meter Dash

1. Alicia Fudge
2. Paige Micco
3. Keely Billie

200 Meter Run

1. Sunni Bearden
2. Raeley Matthew
. Keely Billie
400 Meter Run
3. Satie Ricco
4. Krysta Burton

Standing Long Jum
2. Alicia Fudge



Crysten Smith h
leg of the race.

Courtney Gore gives it her all in the soufthall throw.



Tyler Howard puts his body into his throw.


Sedatol, Shae Pierce
2. Crysten Smith, Lanie Sedatol, RayIen Eagle, Courtney Gore

Boys (13-14)
100 Meter Das

1. Kelton Smedley
2. Desmon Shore

800 Meter Run

1. Kelton Smedley
2. Rayven Smith

Standing Long Jump

1. Jayce Smith
2. Jayce Smith
3. Robert Fudge

Softball Throw

1. Kelton Smedley
2. Rayven Smith
3. Jayce Smith
$4 \times 100$ Meter Relay 1. Dezmon Shore, Michael Garcia,

Girls (13-14)
100 Meter Da
100 Meter Dash

1. Keyana Nelson
800 Meter Run
2. Kailin Brown

Standing Broad Jump

1. Tyra Baker
2. Keyana Nelson

Softball Throw

1. Kalgary Johns
2. Tyra Baker
3. Brydgett Koontz

4×100 Meter Relay Tyra Baker, Keyana Nelson
Second Grade Boys
50 Meter Dash


Lucas Osceola, left, and Chandler Pearce fight for first place in the 400 -meter run


Jermaine Bennett gets a running start in the softball throw


Bly Davidson, left, and Rylee Smith are neck and neck in the 400

| 1. Eecho Billie | $4 \times 100$ Relay Meter | 1. Pherian Baker |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Myron Billie | 1. Aleah Turtle, Madyson Osceola, | 2. Taden Santiago |
| 3. Edward Gaucin | Jacee Jumper, Savannah Fish 2. Luzana Venzor Brienna Brockman, | 3. Diego Meras |
| 100 Meter Dash | Dakota Micco, Kierra French | 50 Meter Dash |
| 1. Kai Osceola | First Grade Boys | 1. Zion Romine |
| 2. Tucker Johns | 50 Meter Dash | 2. Corey Jumper |
| 3. Sheldon Garcia | 1. Tanner Shore <br> 2. Todd Pearce | 3. Diego Meras |
| 200 Meter Run | 3. Jagger Juarez | 100 Meter Dash |
| 1. Blake Baker |  | 1. Hawk Micco |
| 2. Ozzy Osceola | 100 Meter Dash | 2. Pherian Baker |
| 3. Tavis Jumper | 1. Ramone Baker <br> 2. Jayton Baker | 3. Dathen Garcia |
| 400 Meter Run | 3. Kobe Jimmie | 200 Meter Run |
| 1. Silas Madrigal |  | 1. Hawk Micco |
| 2. Dante Thomas | 200 Meter Run | 2. Jaytron Baker |
| 3. Malcolm Jones | 1. Justin Gopher <br> 2. Jaylen Baker | 3. Zion Romine |
| Standing Broad Jump | 3. Billy Bailey | Standing Broad Jump |
| 1. Eecho Billie |  | 1. Jaytron Baker |
| 2. Donovan Osceola | Standing Broad Jump | 2. Pherian Baker |
| 3. Edward Gaucin | 1. Ramone Baker <br> 2. Jaylen Baker | 3. Warrik Billie |
| Softball Throw | 3. Tanner Shore | Softball Throw |
| 1. Robert Harris |  | 1. Hawk Micco |
| 2. Donovan Harris | Softball Throw | 2. Dathen Garcia |
| 3. Myron Billie | 1. Delonce Carrillo <br> 2. Billy Bailey | 3. Diego Meras |
| 4x100 Meter Relay | 3. Jayton Baker | Kindergarten Girls |
| 1. Malcolm Jones, Ozzy Osceola, |  | 25 Meter Dash |
| Donovan Harris, Silas Madrigal | $4 \times 100$ Meter Relay | 1. Elle Thomas |
| 2. Caillou Smith, Eecho Billie, Myron | 1. Billy Bailey, Jaylen Baker, Delonce | 2. Tammy Martinez |
| Billie, Kai Osceola | Carrillo, Tanner Shore <br> 2 Norman Osceola Jager Gaucin | 3. Mariah Bennett |
| Second Grade Girls | John Beck, Kanyon Billie | 50 Meter Dash |
| 50 Meter Dash |  | 1. Joss Youngblood |
| 1. Bevyn Billie | First Grade Girls | 2. Lashae King |
| 2.Katie Beck | 50 Meter Dash | 3. Alanis Baker |
| 3. Jacee Jumper | 1. Shayla French |  |
|  | 2. Caylie Huff | 100 Meter Dash |
| 100 Meter Dash | 3. Kyandra Harris | 1. Elle Thomas |
| 1. Kierra French |  | 2. Hannah Moss |
| 2. Bevyn Billie | 100 Meter Dash | 3. Kalyn Hammil |
| 3. Katie Beck | 1. Destiny Elliott |  |
|  | 2. Caylie Huff | 200 Meter Run |
| 200 Meter Run | 3. Haylie Huff | 1. Hannah Moss |
| 1. Savannah Fish |  | 2. LaShae King |
| 400 Meter Run | 2. Haylie Huff | Standing Broad Jump |
| 1. Dakota Micco | 3. Kyandra Harris | 1. Joss Youngblood |
| 2. Luzana Venzor |  | 2. LaShae King |
|  | Softball Throw | 3. Elle Thomas |
| Standing Broad Jump | 1. Destiny Elliott |  |
| 1. Luzana Venzor | 2. Kyandra Harris | Softball Throw |
| 2. Aubrey Pearce | 3. Mariah Billie | 1. Jahcole Arnold |
| 3. Araya Youngblood |  | 2. Hannah Moss |
|  | $4 \times 100$ Meter Relay | 3. Reese Davis |
| Softball Throw | 1. Morgan Yates, Shayla French, Des- |  |
| 1. Burgundy Pearce | tiny Elliott, Aubee Billie |  |
| 2. Dakota Micco |  |  |
| 3. Jacee Jumper | Kindergarten Boys 25 Meter Dash |  |




Ahfachkee School student Mariah Smith looks at Ahfachkee School student Mariah Smith looks at a
Seminole cowboy and a young Seminole girl pictured Seminole cowboy and a young Seminole girl pictured
in the Big Cypress gallery of the Clewiston Museum
April 28 .

## min



Big Cypress Library Director Barbara Oeffner and Ah fachkee School student Thomlynn Billie take a look at the variety of beetles and $b$


Clewiston Museum Diver Naii Tobic displays a tibia bone of a bison.


Clewiston Museum Director Butch Wilson, right, shows Ahfachkee students Thomlynn history on April 28.

Big Cypress Library Takes Ahfachkee School Students to the Clewiston Museum


To start off the tour of the Clewiston Museum on April 28, Ahfachkee School student Thomlynn Billie, left, is holding a femur bone from an ancient mammoth, while fellow student Mariah Smith holds up the mammoth's ribs. Both items were recently discovered in Hendry County, where Clewiston and the Big Cypress Reservation are located. The Clewiston Museum trip was hosted by Big Cypress Library Director Barbara Oeffner and Library Special Projects Curator Gretchen DeBree

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 10TH ANNUAL HOLLYWOOD PRESCHOOL DAY
 Hollywood preschoolers
enjoy outdoor activities during the 10th annual Hollywood Preschool
Day on April 28. Day on April 28.

Preschoolers on roller boards race across th
basketball court.


Pemayetv Emahakv Students Say Aloha


Rachel Buxton Aiyana Tommie and Demetrius Clark are awarded best dressed April 15 at the Charter School Luau organized by Charter School cafeteria decorated with a Hawaiian theme. Students competed in the limbo and simply spent time with friends.

Pemayetv Emahakv Students Learn Life Skills on History Field Trip


Ryanne Pratt Scores Grand Prize in the Ahfachkee School's Second Annual Science Fair Exhibit Alison Herrera captures 1st place out of all the high school student entrants the staff and students spent many after-
school hours working together on the enanne Pratt found out that her Science Fair entry won grand prize on May 6, she took
one last look at her project. Just before the Ahfachkee School's staff packed all of the Science Fair items up at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, RyLit the Fire in the Biomass Tipi," and talked about how it all came together Ryanne Pratt's entry encompassed of these following science categories: enof these following science categories: en-
vironmental, technical, physical, biological and life.
"It was hard to wrap around the aluminum foil with the cooper wire," the Ahfachkee school fourth-grader said of her exhibit
entry. "I tried my best to get it on there. But entry. "I tried my best to get it on there. But
what I liked the most about it was when I got to light up the beads and mosses with my project."
Ryanne Pratt's entry was judged as the best overall out of all the Tribal school's 76
project entries, with Alison Herrera winning first prize for her project in the high school first prize for her project in the high school
category, among the fair's standouts. Accategory, among the fair 's standouts. Ac-
cording to Ahfachkee School Teacher Coordinator Valerie Whiteside, between the class
and individual science projects, 99 percent and individual science projects, 99 percent
of all the school's students created a Science Fair project.
Whiteside noted that in the weeks prior

## 2nd Annual Science Fair Results

Grand Prize: 1. Ryanne Pratt (4th Grade); High School: 1. Alison Herrera (9th Grade), 2. Cooper Rivers (10th Grade), 3. Taylor Pratt (10th (11th Grade): Middle School: 1 . Katherine Bert (7th Grade), 2. Dalton Koenes (6th Grade), 3 . Sabre' Billie (7th Grade), 4. Starzie Vargas - Honorable Mention (8th Grade); 4th and 5th Grades: 1. Ryanne Pratt (4th Grade), 2 . Jonah Alvarado (5th Grade), 3. Kevin Ivey (4th
Grade), 4. Annabelle Whiteshield - Honor-able Mention (4th Grade); 1st through 3rd Grades - Class Projects: 1. Ms. Tiger's 3rd Grade Class, 2. Mrs. Caldwell's 2nd Grade Class, 3. Mrs. Kittredge's 3rd Grade Class, 4. Mrs. Paige's 1st Grade Class - Honorable
Mention; Pre-Kindergarten-Kindergarten: 1 Mention; Pre-Kindergarten-Kindergarten: 1 Miss Stoots ' Pre-Kindergarten Class, 2. Mrs.
Barry's Pre-Kindergarten Class, 3. Mrs. Klammer's Kindergarten Class, 4. Mrs. Huckabee's Kindergarten Class - Honorable Mention. "The students are really interested in
science and they have a really high aptitude science and they have a really high aptitude in that subject," Whiteside said. "As far as
planning went, every staff member really planning went, every staff member really just pitched it to make this work. You can't
pull off something of this size without everyone being involved." Among those who appeared at the Science Fair were Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers Jr., as they
gave words of encouragement to the Tribal gave words of encouragement to the Tribal
school's students and staff alike. "The Science Fair is what we need in he community today," Chairman Cypress said to the event's attendees. "You never school...Everybody is a winner and every schoo...Everybody is a winner and every-
one has a project that describes something
that's We haver really been thought of before Whe have some great minds right here at the Ahfachkee School."
President Bow
President Bowers singled out the teachbling this year's Science Fair.
"It's a very good thing the teachers of the Science Fair. "Teachers, you have the future of the Seminole Tribe of Florida in of you and your teachers will help you shape up your future. I thank you all for your dedi-
to the school's second annual Science Fair, brighter future for them."
the staff and students spent many after- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ahfachkee Physical Education Instruc- }\end{aligned}$


As Ahfachkee School's Ryanne Pratt, center, is called up to received her grand prize certificate and medal at the Science Fair, both Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers Jr congratulated her on her achievement.

Ahfachkee Physical Education Instruc ganize this year's Science Fair, was among es staff members, who received a boost from briefly delved into what that meant not. He o him, but to the school as a whole. "Education is an important aspect for
our leaders and their Tribe," Cleckler said. They [the Tribal leaders] want to challenge us to do our best as educators. We're defischool." In spring 2011, the Ahfachkee School plans to send the top winners from the
school's third Annual Science Fair this fall to compete in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair competition
in Albuquerque, N.M. Albuquerque, N.M.
The American Indian Science and Engineering Society's National Science Fair, an
annual event typically held in the spring, is open to any Tribal student from an accred-
ited Tribal ited Tribal school nationwide. The Native American national fair accepts Tribal entrants who range from the fifth through 12th
grades. grades.
higher level of expectation for our students and to make improvements to our school," Cleckler said. "We're just trying to raise the
bar." ${ }^{\text {NAISEF is sponsored by AISES. For }}$ more information, visit www.aises.org.
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Hollywood Employees Take Their Kids to Work


Children are waiting in line to show off their drawings reflecting knowledge of the Tribe during the Take Your Kid Children are waiting in line to show off their drawings
to Work Day at Hollywood Tribal Headquarters April 22.


Big Cypress Brings Families Together at Take Your Kid to Work Day


Big Cypress Library Assistant Heather Galassini, left, and her 8 -year-old son, Caleb Frey, are working together on a food pyramid sheet at the reservation's Take-Your-Kids-To-Work-Day event on April 22 at the Big Cypress Community Center


##  Health

## Tribe's Animal Control Offers Rabies Clinic for Pets in Advance of Hurricane Season

## BY NAII TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - Tribal citizens from the Big Cypress Reservation braved torrential downpours and gusty winds as they brought their
chickee hut.
Located adjacent to the Big Cypress softball field, participants came out in
droves to the health function on April 18 in droves to the health function on April 18 in
an effort to safeguard themselves and their an effort to safeguard themselves and their
pets for the upcoming hurricane season. pets for the upcoming hurricane season.
Approximately 120 animals were vac Approximately 10 cats. Most received a
cinated, including 10 and combination of rabies and distemper shots for protection, while quite a few also received a microchip. With a microchip, the animal is given a pet identification to let the owners know
where they are at in case they become lost. The Seminole Animal Control and Health Departments gain access to the pet identifi-
cations as well. "We never know when a natural disaster will come and what damage may be caused
during that time," Seminole Animal and Wildlife Services Officer/Coordinator Jonathan Vazquez said. "Cages can get damaged,
homes can get damaged. ... During these homes can get damaged. ... During these
times, animals get scared and run away to times, animals get scared and run away to
seek safety. When we find animals eventuseek safety. When we fake them back to their owners."
Big Cypress Tribal Citizen Brend Tommie, who has four dogs at her residence, is one pet owner that's in favor of the vaccination efforts. She reflected the four hurriwhich got her to place the dogs in a horse whiler to keep them safe.

Back then, Tommie had only one dog with her. Tommie and her family stayed in living quarters, while the dog actually slept
in a horse trailer. in a horse trailer.
Tommie said she took the dogs to the rabies vaccination in order to protect her children.
"People bring their kids over to our house to play with them," Tommie said. "We want to make sure our dogs get updated with
their shots so when the kids come around them, they won't have to worry about diseases or anything like that."
And the idea of not having to travel to a Fellow Big Cypress Tribal resident Kla- cob Osceola said. "II our pets stay healthy,
cone
it will only benefit the Tribe. You don't want decision as well, despite the heavy rains and an animal that has rabies to pass it to anAs Klaressa Osceola carried her 3 -year- other one. That would be a major concern As Klaressa Osceola carried her 3-year- right there."
Yorkshire dog to the clinic for vaccina- The 2010

Immokalee Seminole Health and Nutritionist Charlotte Porcaro and American Cancer Society Com-

## Immokalee Seminole Ranch Hosts Annual Relay for Life

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - A record turnout supported the annual Immokalee American The Immokalee Seminole Ranch donated the use of their facilities for the on the
May 7 event, which attracted residents of Immokalee and the surrounding communities. Team Seminole, captained by Seminole Health and Nutritionist Charlotte Porcaro,
was one of 12 teams pledging their commitment to fight against cancer and support its
survivors. Composed of Tribal members and survivors. Composed of Tribal members and
employees wearing their turquoise T-shirts, team members took turns carrying the spirit
stick as they made laps around the track stick as they made laps around the track. lay favorites," said Immokalee Liaison Elaine Aguilar. "None of us can afford to ignore this dreadful disease, which strikes at random without warning. It is your re-
sponsibility to yourself and your family to

have preventive checkups and seek medical attention for abnormal growths, wounds or
bodily functions. By heeding the warning signs, it is frequently possible to stop this The Immokalee High School Color Guard participated in the opening ceremoLap before setting the pace for an evening of fun-filled activities which included a human wheelbarrow race, Miss Relay contes of female impersonators, tug of war, musical
chairs and the tastiest treat contest. chairs and the tastiest treat contest.
American Cancer Society Co Rep. Melissa Pfeffer coordinated the fund raising activities which included Luminaria donations and pledges. Team ticket sales, the track and participated in entertainment activities throughout the night.

Among the supporters in the fight for a sure for cancer were the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Mutickets for the fund raising raffle


Veterinarian Fitzgerald Oliver right, administers a rabies shot to Sparky, a Chihuahua dog, as Big Cypress Tribal pet owner Linda Belesto, right, holds on to her pet. The Chihuahua also received a
distemper vaccination shot and a microchip for his pet identification at the April 18 event. distemper vaccination shot and a microchip for his pet identification at the April 18 event.


Big Cypress Tribal pet owner Klaressa Osceola, left, brings her 3-year-old Yorkshire dog, Maisy, to the April 18 rabies clinic as her animal is scanned for a microchip tag by Pinegate Assistant Robert


Immokalee Seminole Health and Nutritionist Charlotte Porc
munity Rep. Melissa Pfeffer greet Relay for Life supporters.


Quayde Urbina jumps high and far in the standing broad jump after crawling through the many tunnels set up for Get Fit Day


Ferron Sampson and Willo James are bumper to bumper during Get Fit Day April 16 at the Brighton Gymnasium, an event organized by the
Fitness Department in effort to introduce daily exercise and physical helped out providing snacks for the children in between fitness circuits.

## Know These Pet Hazard Safety Tips


will establish themselves in areas that is fruitful to them. All uneaten food by your pet will provide food for rodents and where you have the presence of these vec-
tors you will have snakes. Even an innocent bird feeder should be kept on the perimeter of the property instead of close to your home or yard.

Identifying snakes.
Even taking all these steps will not guarantee that a snake will not slither on to your property in its travels
for food or a mate and may inadvertently find itself face to face with your pet. Always peruse your yard before allowing your pets out to play. If you see a snake, idenify it. Not all snakes are venomous and some snake will eat others including venomous snakes. Learn to identify the six venom nake alone.

Keeping your self safe.
have a striking distance that is longer than most people anticipate. Most snakes can strike half their body length, so a six foot snake can bite you
at three feet away. That means if you are at three feet away. That means if you are
close enough to kill it, its close enough to bite. Make every attempt to keep your pet away from the snake without putting yourself at risk.

Treatment for your pet. If you suspect or know your pet was
itten by a snake, you should seek immebitten by a snake, you should seek imme-
diate veterinary assistance. Do not attempt diate veterinary assistance. Do not attempt
to treat the bite yourself. You may cause more harm than good. Most veterinarians carry antivenin and can successfully treat a venomous snake bite if attended to promptly. Not many people know but
there are rattlesnake vaccinations availthere are rattlesnake vaccinations avail-
able for some pets. Although the canine vaccine remains controversial it is significantly safer than the antivenin treatment. Calling for assistance
If you see a snake in your home or
yard and need assistance, call the Semiyard and need assistance, call the Semi-
nole Tribe of Florida Animal and Wildlife nole Tribe of Florida Animal and Wildlife
Service at $954-965-1321$. Don't forget to keep track of the slithery intruder from a safe distance so it can be removed when
we arrive.

## Marijuana's Effect on the Brain

BY DR. THOMAS RYAN Family Services Department

Marijuana is the most commonly abused illicit drug in the United States. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, in 2007, 14.4 million Americans aged 12 or older used marijuana at leas
once in the month prior to being surveyed, which is similar to the 2006 rate.
About 6,000 people a day in 2007 used marijuan About 6,000 people a day in 2007 used marijuana
for the first time- 2.1 million Americans. Of these, 62.2 percent were under age 18. The main active chemical in marijuana is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol; THC for
short. Marijuana is usually smoked as a cigarette (joint) short. Marijuana is usually smoked as a cigarette (joint)
or in a pipe. It is also smoked in blunts, which are cior in a pipe. It is also smoked in blunts, which are ciwith marijuana. Since the blunt retains the tobacco leaf used to wrap the cigar, this mode of delivery combines marijuana's active ingredients with nicotine and other harmful chemicals. Scientists have learned a great deal about how
THC acts in the brain to produce its many effects. THC acts in the brain to produce its many effects.
When someone smokes marijuana, THC rapidly passes from the lungs into the bloodstream, which carries the chemical to the brain and other organs throughout the body. THC acts upon specific sites in the brain, called cannabinoid receptors, kicking off a series of cellular
reactions that ultimately lead to the "high" that users experience when they smoke marijuana. The highest density of cannabinoid receptors are found in parts of the brain that influence pleasure, memory, thoughts,
concentration, sensory and time perception, and coor concentration, sen
dinated movement.

Not surprisingly, marijuana intoxication can cause
storted perceptions, impaired coordination, difficulty distorted perceptions, impaired coordination, difficulty
in thinking and problem solving, and problems with learning and memory. Research has shown that marijuana's adverse impact on learning and memory can last for days or weeks after the acute effects of the drug
wear off. As a result, someone who smokes marijuana wear off. As a result, someone who smokes marijuana
every day may be functioning at a suboptimal intellec tual level all of the time. Long-term marijuana abuse can lead to addiction; that is, compulsive drug seeking and abuse despite its known harmful effects upon social functioning in the context of family, school, work, and Long-term mariju
Long-term marijuana abusers trying to quit report irritability, sleeplessness, decreased appetite, anxiety,
and drug craving, all of which make it difficult to quit. These withdrawal symptoms begin within about 1 day following abstinence, peak at $2-3$ days, and subside within 1 or 2 weeks following drug cessation. Research
clearly demonstrates that marijuana has the potential to Clearly demonstrates that marijuana has the potential to
cause problems in daily life or make a person's existing problems worse. In one study, heavy marijuana abusers reported that the drug impaired several important measures of life achievement including physical and mental health, cognitive abilities, social life, and career status. Several studies associate workers' marijuana smoking
with increased absences, tardiness, accidents, workers' with increased absences, tardiness, accidents, workers' Should you wish to learn more abo
marijuana, please feel free to schedule a confidentia meeting with a Family Services Counselor on your respective Reservation. -Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse (2009)



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##  Announcements

## MOTHER'S DAY LETTERS

## "Jessy Espaillat"

Happy Mother's Day! You're our inspiration to us! You worked and still work very hard to keep us happy, healthy and Go
bless us with you Mom! Keep up the grea job! Love Daysha, Aaliayah, Tony and An tonio Billie.

## Jennie B. Harjo:

Happy Mother's Day to our one queen that's been there for us no matter what the situation was or is. We love you and always will for being the greatest mother and grand ,

Love, the Harjo Family
P.S. Only the strong survive. Love, your son Burton L. Harjo.

To: Lena H. Billie
Poshe there isn't a day that goes by forget where my strength to survive th
test of time originates. Because of you test of time originates. Because of you I
can smile and laugh at what tears down the average human being. I'll always remember my childhood days with you being a big part of my life. Even today your spirit
makes sure you're still a big part of my life makes sure you're still a big part of my life
Happy Mother's Day Poshe, I miss you and Happy Mother's Day Poshe, I miss you and
I love you just as I did in my childhood days. Shonabisha for all the great memories Poshe. Blood's thicker than water, this bond
cannot be broken. cannot be broken.

From: A warrior 4 life Your one and only grandson named, Tke T. Harjo
Panther Clan

To: My Big Sis
I sincerely appreciate how you are always near Even though you have crossed over to the Spiriti World,
just as in this world you still have my back. I'll always remember what you told me back in the day, "Lil bro it's always been just us surviving how we been." Shed no tears Big Sis, your little brother is pure warrior. Shonaabisha for raising this fierce Panther. Blood's thicker than water, this bond cannot be broken. Happy Moths Day, Big Sis. I love you and miss you.
Che He Cha La Ne Ool Tho Le Kuul From your little brother, Warrior 4 Life, Ike T. Harjo
Panther Clan


From: A warrior 4 life
With
POEMS


## o: Donna Cypres

Although many years have went by I still must say thank you very much for trying to show me a better way. Of course
I didn't listen (smile) but that does change the fact that you tried to tame this nomadic warrior back in the day one this I know and two for sure you would be surI know and two for sure you would be sur-
prised. Because I am finally that better prised. Because I am finally that better
man. Wiser, determined and focused. Anyway, Happy Mother's Day and know that 1 always wish the very best for you and your
loved ones.

Ike T. Harjo
Panther Clan

To: Jennie B. Harjo
Waache in one day out the year I cannot
express my love and appreciation express my love and appreciation for you.
It takes since day one of my birth until the day I cross over to the Spirit World. Even then, that's not enough time to show you my unconditional love and appreciation for you. Happy Mother's Day, Waache every day, stay strong and know that I love you
with all my heart. Waache blood's thicker with all my heart. Waache blood's thick
than water, this bond cannot be broken. Shonaabisha Waache.
From your youngest son, Warrior 4 life
Ike T. Hario Ike T. Harjo
Panther Clan.


## BIRTHDAY

Happy 5th

| Birthday to Burton |
| :--- |
| Lee Harjo Jr. when |
| you came into this |
| world, you helped |
| me se things differ- |
| ently and you are on |
| my mind everyday, |
| I'll be there soon for |
| you "Baby Breeze." |
| Remember your dad |
| loves and misses |
| you!!! |
| Love, |
| "Dad" (Burton Leer |
| Harjo Sr.) |

One Love
One love to all the ladies of the Native American race, There is no other in the world that can compete

You are everything in a lady a Native American man needs. Defiant, intelligent, strong, sensitive and not possessed by greed.

There is not a race of ladies that has the qualities That makes you blessed, remain proud for many reasons Other than that you are superior the best.

Many of you ladies are very athletic as well, whether it be basketball, softball or volleyball, may your game continue to excel.

Represent all Native Americans in everything you do, It goes without saying us men will too.

It's a fact you ladies have a natural beauty no other can match, So beautiful from head to toe, even with a scar or scratch.

You don't have to paint a face on everyday,
Or get a store-bought tan, no need for weave or glue on nails Because you're natural understand

We Native Americans have in every aspect of life been blessed. Even though we are few, thanks to you ladies, we stand strong From the north, south, east and wes

Let's continue to multiply and purify the Native American bloodline, Regardless what Tribe or nation, keep that unity and let our pride shine One love I wish all our Native American ladies
The very best, remember, you are superior, so do not settle for less. -Ike T. Harjo
Panther Clan.

With the wind
With the wind I can feel you Big Sis, prowling like the panther With the wind I can feel you Big Sis, prowling like the panther
since you been gone from this world you I've truly missed.

There is no other that can fill this void in my life, Though I truly do appreciate those that have tried in this land of strife.
Since the day you crossed over, Big Sis, you have been on my mind To me you are the greatest Sister - one of a kind. As I have said, in this world you will not be forgotten as life goes on.
How can I? When you remembered me after all these years I've been How can I? When you remembered me after all these years I've been gone.
The bond we share is and always will be intact, The sadness I feel within will remain until I am where you're at.

As you already know where your body was laid to rest made sure it looks nice, for my Big Sis it didn't matter how much the price

Thank you always for being there for me that hasn't changed, With that land I appreciate what you arranged.

I started the process to have a home built on that site,
Thank you for thinking of me
Ben
will continue to stay strong as I have since day one, Big Sis, you raised a warrior second to none.

With the wind you will always be near,
I love you Big Sis. Smile and shed not another tear.
-Ike T. Harjo
Panther Clan

\section*{You can take the Warrior outta Rez <br> <br> \section*{You can' However <br> <br> \section*{You can' However <br> <br> You can't take Rez outta Warrio} <br> <br> You can't take Rez outta Warrio}

The sun travels far beyond the horizon to share its warmth on mother Earth with its enchantments determined and enforced by the laws of nature. A majestic and sacred location materializes - "Da Rez"

In the early dawn there is a stillness of every existence in nature welcoming another beautiful day by expressing shonabish to the creator of the universe turough acknowledgment of its presence, honoring its grace and celebrating its offerings. A precious gift of another day on Earth. Da Rez, where an eagle soars gracefully high above and Spanish moss gently sways from an ageless oak tree as whispering winds echo soothing and reassuring calmness to the body, spirit and soul. A place like no other.

Oral stories fascinate a young Seminole boy on long winter nights, litle does he know, however, a vitar seed is planted that would be embedded deeply
and strongly in his heart and mind. He faces the journey of life.

Mornings, days and weekends are filled with endless activities of discovering nature, but also he's ever mindful of the consequences for deviationism for a day will arrive when he must acknowledge, confront and accept his greatest enemy, himself. As a result, he learns to forgive.

To secure, maintain and strive for an equilibrium of oneness with ancestors, a leisure stroll during a light mist heightens all of his senses to the world around him while saw grass quietly dances with delight and joy
Da Rez where Seminoles long before him sacrificed in battles and wars with the blue coats for survival and presentation of cultural identity.
As he walks through a hammock, a thought comes to mind, and he wonders what may have occurred here: Was it a camp? A hunting grounds? A ceremonial grounds? A battle field? A location where crops grew abundantly, a mound, or a place where two young lovers met in secrecy.

He makes a sincere gratitude of appreciation for the blessings offered in psychological stability, spiritual strength, and physical nourishments imperalive for a healthy and balanced lifestyle. An essential homage
As the sun fades in the west and a full moon appears, he is fully aware tomorrow is not promised to him. The mysticism of an open fire is perpetually etched in his being for life. Remove him from da Rez physically, he's at home mentally. Warrior knows! Regardless of location, he is always at home when he reminisces about the place where his heart beat began.


Happy Mother's Day to Mayra! We are there for you, stay strong,
Love,
ke and Jennie

didn't flinch. You showed loyalty that's rarely seen in that spot. Words just can't express my
gratitude! Everyday I'm hopping the best for you and your love ones. I want you to know until I breathe my last you will be appreciated. Thank you for being real, thank you for that rare loyalty. Happy Mother's Day Tash.
From: A warrior 4 life that has utmos respect for you.
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Trip to Albuquerque
I had the pleasure of chaperoning my mother on the trip to Albuquerque, New Mexile we were there some of us, (Dora Tiger, Sheli Tiger, Meg Buster, Minnie Doctor and Nettie Stewart) went site seeing and went on the Sandia Peak Tram.
My mother wanted to go on it, I myself
was not to thrilled about it but she insisted So off we went, it was very, very, very cold
up there and windy and snowing. We about froze up there, but my mother (Minnie Doctor) enjoyed every bit of it. We all went to
their restaurant, High Fiance Restaurant and had lunch, then we headed back down. That was such a blessed beautiful day that us ladies enjoyed.
Thanks Thanks to my mother, the daring, ad
venturous lady that she is, we had a wonder venturous


From left: Louise Billie, Jennie Billie, and Juanita Osceo la. Baby - Phillip Joel Sampson


Minnie Doctor holding Phillip Joel Sampson
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Newest Big Town!
The Frank Family welcomes the newest kid in town! Marge Osceola hostthe Hard Rock on Tuesday, April 27th. All the family were there to welcome the
newest Big Town, Phillip Joel Sampson newest Big Town, Phillip Joel Sampson.
Here is Phillip Joel Sampson Frank with his grandmas', Jennie Billie, Juanita Osceola and Louise Billie. His Big Town grandma Minnie Doctor. Then finally his grandma, Sharon Osceola, mom (Sunhine), and grandma Jennie.
We all enjoyed ourselves
e all enjoyed ourselves, Marge
had us playing games, like putting : dime between your knees and walkin
over to drop the dime into a glass. It was over to drop the dime into a glass. It was
fun watching everyone take turns to dc this, needless to say nobody got the dime in but Marge! Then we all drew a picture of Phillip Joel Sampson Frank witt our paper on our heads, Nettie, auntie or
mothers side won that prize. After dinnel our evening came to a close with Sunshine opening up all the gifts that wert brought for Phillip Joel Sampson.

- By Nettie Stewart


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## POEM

Eeh Che Poo Te Chach Cha Lee Wah
-By Ike T. Harjo, Panther Clan
Eeh Che Poo Te Chach Cha Lee Wah Big Sis Each and everyday, Smile and don't worry about your little brother this warrior is doing OK.

You raised me to be mean and tough that I will always be, all around me.

Where you and I loved off the rez only the strong survived in that spot, tule they knew we were panthers born to prey and plot.
Big sis you and I were conditioned to go days at a time, No they couldn't handle your world and mine.

Those others in that spot sure thought they had they hood on lock, Une moved there and I started puling out with it cocked.

We were just playing the cards were dealt living where we did, Two unconquered Seminoles one sister and her little brother the stick up kid Many in that hood felt the pain I can bring,

They now know what it means to be dedicated to one, Big sis you're the greatest sister second to none. Everybody in that spot know I will die for you, That's why their respect is sincere and true.

Big sis most back home on the reservations don't understand where I'm coming from, because most never seen the streets where violence is being done.
We were living in that spot before the wealthy today, surviving on instinct and putting the jack on display.

You and I really didn't get the opportunity to live the easy life as the Tribe, Only because time wasn't on our side.
I'll be missing you big sis just as the song said
At least I was able to give you a nice big tombstone engraved with a poem to be read.
"'ll always remember what you told me way back then, "Lil bro it's always been just us" surviving how we been.
Eeh Che Poo Te Chach Cha Lee Wah and so will momma, your kids, the family and your friends,
and I feel your spirit as you ride the wind



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## Sports



## Seminole Sparring Competition Attracts Aspiring Tribal Boxers

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - Tribal youth, teen and adult up-and-comers on the boxing scene got the chance to show their wears once again with a rare, fun and competitive sparring showcase at the
Gym facilities, and with good results.
With a dozen or more hout With a dozen or more bouts scheduled for al young, willing and able Tribal citizens, Seminole Boxing Manager Milo Osceola and Seminole Boxing
Trainer and Coach Richard Clark organized a sparring Trainer and Coach Richard Clark organized a sparring
competition April 17 .

It was their latest scheduled event among several others in past years, all with the hopes of maintaining others in past years, all with the
and sparking an interest in the sport.
me away from the drugs and alcohol," Osceola said "I want to give these Tribal kids an opportunity and if they take it somewhere then fine. There is no excuse for to not do it now.' ring" winners at the end of each match was also one of

their new ideas put in place to measure progress and future competition. Medals were also given out to the youth that participated.
Amateur and professional fighters lead by curren Amal professional boxer Elliot Alvarado also made the trek from Immokalee and other areas to participate in

Brothers Kano and Jaden Puente came all the
from the Brighton Reservation for the event with brother Ignacio "Nos" Orozco, Fitness Specialist at the brother Ignacio "Nos" Orozco, Fitness Specialist at the
Brighton Fitness Studio and grandmother Anges Bert. "I think it was fun," said the younger brother "I thin
no, 8.
Eleven
m someth
Eleven-year-old brother Jaden said boxing offered him something else unique to do.
d be fun too," he said.
Both said their brief exposure to boxing has also
ed in their coordination skills.
Whether a purist for boxing or a fan of its new-
competitor-mixed martial arts, the benefits of both rts from a discipline and fitness standpoint can not disputed. One success story is in that of sparring participant and Tribal citizen Joshua Josh.
Josh's life has made a 180 -degree turn from
the heavy drug and alcohol abuse of his past. Now the heavy drug and alcohol abuse of his past. Now
clean and sober two years, he said in part because of his love and interest in boxing he has lost over 50 pounds and counting.
"Getting back into it took my health to another level," Josh said. "From a discipline standpoint saved me because f had to discipline myself to eat and train right and everything." "I have always had
a passion for it [boxing] but when I began to be a passion for it [boxing] but when I beg
involved I just got hooked," he continued. The married father, GED graduate and voca
tonal school student said he has no current plan for a career in boxing but he is keeping his option
open.
Osceola said there are no set plans or date for their next competition but those interested should their next competition but those interested should
stay tuned.
For more information on Seminole Boxing or he Brighton Fitness Studio, call 954-445-5245, 954-330-7939 or 863-697-6870

## Professional Bass Fisherman Tyrone Cypress Rides Solo in Triple Crown Series

## $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - It is 5:43 a.m. on May 7, with the morning skies almost pitch black and the fog beginning to rise on the L-28 canal waterway. That is when Tyrone Cypress, a professional bas fisherman, hops in his fishing boat to get ready for competition in the 10th Annual Bass Busters Fishing Tou nament. By 6:11 a.m. - 19 minutes before the tourna
ment was slated to begin - Cypress is prepared to battle ment was slated to begin - Cypress is prepared to batt in
with the rest of the competition and catch some bass in the canal waters.
signed shist, wearing a Seminole Tribe of Florida-de out of the L-28 dock with just for him, gets ready to pul out of the L-28 dock with only one thing on his mind
focus. He talks very little at this time as the fisherma focus. He talks very little at this time, as the fishermat
is trying to get an ample head start on the other competitors, who haven't even prepared their boats yet.
Overcoming the early morning fog, Cypress drives
his fishing boat as fast as 70 miles per hour in his quest his fishing boat as fast as 70 miles per hour in his quest
to find a good spot to catch some big bass. Since Cyto find a good spot to catch some big bass. Since Cy
press is fishing alone - he was one of only three entrants
for the entire Triple Crown Series for the entire Triple Crown Series to do so - he al
absolutely no distractions to throw his focus off. absolutely no distractions to throw his focus off.
In sync with the chirping birds, cricket sounds and
the steady currents encompassing the L-28 canal waterway, Cypress catches his first two bass in just 40 min utes of action. The two fish were caught within seve
minutes of each other.
At 7:24 a.m., when the sun began to rise over the canal, Cypress has already caught four bass - seem-
ingly well on his way to a successful showing at the Bass Busters Tournament. After a 15 -minute breather, Cypress gets right back into action. But before he con-
tinues, he says, "I'm going to flip these weeds," tinues, he says, "I'm going to flip these weeds."
For at least the next two hours it proved For at least the next two hours, it proved to be
self-fulfilling prophecy. Instead of catching more bass, Cypress captured a sea of bag weeds, stalling his progress in the tournament.
Scouring back and forth through the L-28 canal
waterway Cypress waterway, Cypress knows that as a bass master, it is
not just sheer concentration and focus that embodies a great competitive fisherman. It is more about exhibiting a sense of patience, something Cypress had to show in a sene midst of the ever-increasing temperatures, the faster canal currents and the ever-rising sun on what goes on to be a clear, hot and humid day.


Tyrone Cypress shows off two basses.
catch his elusive fifth fish, the look on Cypress's face pired didn't faze him

A fisherman cannot lose his cool, poise or compo sure at any point, especially during competition. Cy ingly missed a golden opportunity to catch his fifth bass. The fish apparently ate the bait but found a way to esape back in the deep canal waters.
Only seven minutes later - 9 .
Only seven minutes later - 9:27 a.m. - Cypress's bass fish. "I'm looking to upgrade," Cypress said. "They [the Aware that his bass limit is five, Cypress grabs a bass from his live well and throws it back into the canal 0 replace it with a larger one.
Though Cypress knows at this point he has absoners Frank Marrero and Mario Posada in the final standings, he does believe he can win this final leg of the At 9:48 a.m., Cypress fulfills his wish - a bigger bass. "It While Cypress keeps that bass fish, he throws the next one he catches back in the water.
"It's [the bass] is too small; that's not going to help me right now," Cypress said. "Right now, I'm just trying to upgrade. If it's not five pounds and over, $I$ ain't
having that." Cypress caught one more fish at the fishing tourna-
ment, but not before the heat of the day forced him to try a variety of kinds of bait and navigate different routes. far less than what the top three fishing teams amassed far less than what the top three fishing teams amassed.
Richard Doctor and Moses Wilson won the Bass Busters Tournament with 23.47 pounds, followed by overall Triple Crown winners Frank Marrero and Mario Posada with 19.15 pounds and the team of Tom Koenes and Walter Summeralls at 16.65 pounds.
Nonetheless, Triple Crown Series Organizer Moses
Big Shot" Jumper understood why Cypress decided not to team up with a partner - something the top performers did.
umper said. "He's a good sportsman and he works, his craft very well. If you get out there in the water by yourself, there's a sense of
solitude to it. It makes Tysolitude to it. It makes
rone feel good, I guess." Jumper had considered Cypress an early favorite to
win the Triple Crown Sewin the Triple Crown Series, in no small part due to
his three-year experience as a professional bass master. Asked before the final weigh-in if he would be surprised if he won the Bass Busters Tournament, press said this:
"It would
"It would be nice if I
for once," he answered Cypress will get another shot in next year's Triple
Crown Series, should he deCrown Series, should he de-
cide to compete again. He revealed that he was fishing the fisherman slightly turned it while working out a week before the tournament. "I should have listened
to my doctor, but when it's to my doctor, but when it's
time to fish, that's what I'm going to do," Cypress said.
"Fishing is what I love to


EIRA Cinco de Mayo Rodeo Revives Competitiveness
$\stackrel{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}{\text { Freelance Reporter }}$
IMMOKALEE - The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association 8 de Mayo Rodeo in Immokalee on May 8 provided a unique op-
portunity for some members to climb back in the saddle again after several years since competing.
While three generations of Big Cypress
Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr's Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr.'s family are fre-
quent EIRA competitors quent EIRA competitors, his brother, Presi-
dent Richard Bowers Jr. doesn't often have dent Richard Bowers Jr. doesn't often hav
an opportunity because of his heavy sched-
ule. For once, everything worked ale. For once, everything worked to advan-
tage and the two brothers joined forces to give their competition a run for their money in the Team Roping event.
Returning to the arena and carefully
building his loop, President Bowers backed building his loop, President Bowers backed
into the box and nodded for the steer re-
pened, the steer bolted and horse and rider flew out of the run just in time for the steer o run through what appeared to be a perfect loop. Paul, Sr. had better luck and caught his steer in just a few strides earning a first place
score of just 7.2 seconds. "I've been riding horses all my life and working cattle, but I rarely have an opporunity to do it for fun," said President Bowers. "Even though it's work, I look forward
o the roundups each year and always make the roundups each year and always make press. I guess, being a cowboy gets in your
Not being one to let her husband show her up, Ana Bowers returned to Barrel Racing after more than five years off. She took
first place in the 50 \& Over Race with an third hole.


## Softball Tournament in Big Cypress Honors Memory of Virgil Billie

## BY JAIME HERNANDEZ

 Editor-in-ChiefBIG CYPRESS - Dozens of Tribal members and employees gathered at the Big Cypress softball fields co-ed Softball Memorial Tournament. The event was April 24 and was the first softball tournament held in Billie's honor, according to Stan
Frischman, the assistant director of the Big Cypress Frischman, the assistant director of the Big Cypress
Recreation Department. The department has organized five basketball tournaments in Billie's name but decided this
ball Maggie Puente, Billie's niece, said of her late uncle
"This year we did "This year we did something different. I'm an athletic person and I like to play softball."
Prior to the start of the tournament, Puente reflected on her close relationship with her uncle. She said Billie often looked after her when she was growing up,
helping her with her homework and ensuring that she helping her with her homework and ensuring that she had something to
school every day.
Puente said her 12 -year-old son, Joel Billie, en Puente said her 12-year-old son, Joel Bilie, en-
joyed an equally close relationship to Virgil Billie and
was affected deeply when Virgil Billie passed away in in

## gil Billie's grave.

 Shortly after his uncle died, Joel Billie pushed Pu-ente to get the Bio Cypress Recreation ente to get the Big Cypress Recreation Department to organize a basketball tournament in Virgil Billie's honor. pleased to be able to be part of this," Frischman said. "Families ask us to put something like this together and we just make it happen. ... This is a great opportunity
for old friends to get together" Puente threw out the tournament's ceremonial first pitch with several other young relatives. She said Joel Billie was at a skateboarding tournament in New Mexico and could not attend.
Large crowds turned out throughout the day for the
tournament, which featured a double-elimination forme and stiff competition between seven teams from several different Tribal reservations. Team Trail captured the ournament championship after it rallied from an 11-8 eficit late in the final game against Immokalee RecrePuente, who played on Team Mix \& Match, was appy to see the large turnout for the event.
"A lot of these people didn't know Virgil but I'm grateful that they are honoring his memory," Puente grateful that they are honoring his memory," Puente
said. "This means a lot to me."


Maggie Puente, right, niece of the late Virgil Billie, stands behind home plate with younger rela


Team Trail's Benny Martinez waits for an approaching pitch against Team Motown.


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Family members of the late Candy Osceola gather for a photo at the start of the 14th annual Candy Osceola Memerial Pool Tournament. Back row, from left: Fallon Osceola, JoJo Osceola, J.T. Osceola, Carlene Osceola-DiCarlo, Charles Gopher, Richard Osceola, Bronson Hill. Front row, from left: Juanita Osceola, Jenny Osceola-Billie, Louise Billie, Russell Osceola. Dozens of Tribal citizens participated in the tournament at the Hollywood Gymnasium on May 7-8, which featured 8 -ball, 9-ball and
Scotch Doubles play for Tribal men, women, seniors and youth. The family of the late Candy Osceola was on hand to remember Sher and participate in the tournament. "She really enjoyed playing pool," said Juanita Osceola, Candy's mother. "She played two to three times a week. ... I feel gratified. This keeps her memory alive. She will never be forgotten."


8-ball tournament youth participant Rhett Tiger, left, talks with Samantha Jimmie, cousin to the late Candy Osceola, lays parents Elrod Bowers and Holly Tiger-Bowers before his match in out custom shirts for tournament participants prior play.

Senior Men 8-ball: 1. Billy Brown; 2. Gary Clay; 3. Daniel Gopher; 4. Robin Buster; 5. Lonnie Billie Senior Women 8-ball: 1. Diana Only-a-Chief; 2. Laura Clay; 3. Louise Osceola; 4. Esther Buster; 5. Louise Buster. Senior Scotch Doubles: 1. Daniel Gopher-Laura Clay; 2. Sammie Gopher-Louise Billie; 3. Lonnie Billie-Louise Osceola; 4. Russell Osceola-Juanita Osceola; 5. Joe Billie-Diana Only-a-Chief.
Men's 8 -ball: 1. Boogie Nunez; 2. Tony Billie; 3. Elrod Bowers; 4. Tony Bert; 5. Bryant Thomas.
Women's 8 -ball: 1. Theresa Nunez; 2. Phalyn Osceola; 3. Tonya Jumper; 4. Connie Williams; 5. Virginia Billie. Youth Boys: 1. Neko Osceola; 2. Daniel Rodriguez; 3. Arek Jumper; 4. Cisco Rodriguez; 5. Waylon Micco.
Youth Girls: 1. Cheyenne Nunez; 2. Jessica Osceola; 3. Talia Rodriguez; 4. Danyelle Boromei; 5. Toby Gopher. Scotch Doubles: 1. Bronson Hill-Carlene Osceola; 2. Boogie Nunez-Virginia Billie; 3. Charles Osceola-Phalyn Osceola; 4. Elrod Bowers-Theresa Nunez; 5. Ildy Garcia-Connie Williams.
Men's 9-ball: 1. Charles Osceola; 2. Jadrien Antuna; 3. Boogie Nunez; 4. Tony Bert; 5. Carl Yazzie.
Women's 9-ball: 1. Virginia Billie; 2. Theresa Nunez; 3. Miranda Steve; 4. Jane Freeman; 5. Phalyn Osceola.
Dozens Gather to Participate in the Candy Osceola Memorial Pool Tournament


JoJo Osceola prepares to shoot during the 8 -ball competition.

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The fishing team of Chuck Osceola, left, and Fred Haberman, right
Frank Marrero, Mario Posada Blow Field Away to Capture Seminole Fishing Triple Crown Title
Team of Richard Doctor and Moses Wilson wins Bass Busters Fishing Tournament

## $\frac{\text { BY NaII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRE were weighed in at the Big Cypress L-28 cathis vear's Seminole Fishing Triple Crown Series. The fishing tandem of Frank Marrere and Mario Posada outlasted the entire field for the season, , mishing with an overall weight of 60.87 pounds in three tourna
ments
Though Marrero and Posada held the
runner-up spot in the Bass Busters Fishin Tounner-ument spot in ine the 7 - their bass bustershed in at 19.15 lbs. - it was more than enough to keep the next-best overall team of Tom taking them in the final standings. The final margin of victory wasn't even close, as Koenes and Summeralls fin-
ished with a combined bass weight of 45.49 ished with a combined bass weight of 45.49
pounds - exactly 15.38 pounds less than pounds - exactly 15.38 pounds less than
"Well, we caught 19 pounds today" Posada said after the weigh-in. "I thought that was enough to hold everyone else off." But Posada's fishing team was beaten Wilson, as they caught 23.47 pounds of bass in the Bass Busters Fishing Tournament, the final one of the Triple Crown Series. Doctor and Wilson also took home the
Clyde Tiger Memorial Big Bass Award, cap-

Bass Award at last month's
ation Fishing Tournament.
There were a total of 11 team entrants
that competed in this year's Bass Busters "It was fun going out there to fish on the water, competing against everyone," Posada
said. "We caught all our fish by $8: 30$ in the morning, so when it got too hot out there, we were already done." Posada, 38 , said that fishing closely with Marrero for almost 20 years played a two have been fishing together since Posada urned 18 years old. Ash a young adult, when Posada began fo cast his fishing rod he would always wan tor did. "Frank Marrero is the best Big Cypress mate and brother-in-law. "He taught me not o do that and go the other way, so we don't $\longrightarrow$ Po Marrero and Posada have won their
second Triple Crown Series title, the first coming a few years back.
"Frank taught me everything about fishing in fresh water and salt water," Posada said. "I thank him for what I know about the
sport. He's the only person I'm really comport. He's the only person I'm really com-
forking with as a team. When there are two people on a fishing boat together, it's are two people on a fishing boat together, it's
important to communicate with each other without talking. So if he fishes one way, I

Moses 'Big Shot' Jumper, the Triple
Crown Series Organizer, predicted an easy
overall win for Marrero and Posada after overall win for Marrero and Posada after Recreation Fishing Tournament. they were going to win the Triple, Crown" Jumper said. "The rest of the field just couldn't keep up with them."
The Bass Busters Fishing Tournament The Bass Busters Fishing Tournament
about 10 years ago with fishermen began about 10 years ago with fishermen
catching a variety of freshwater fish such as catching a variety of freshwater fish such as
bass, bream, gar and mudfish. All of that is now allowed for the Seminole Recreation
Fishing Tournament.
In the other two tournaments of the In the other two tournaments of the
Triple Crown Series - the Bass Busters and Triple Crown Series - the Bass Busters and
the Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tourthe Howard Tiger Memorial Fillowed to be

## "This has been the most competitive

 Triple Crown tournaments we've had thus far," "Yomper said.how to fish. Evidenatler and know exactly how to fish. Evidently, Frankie and Mario
had the right bait and the right partner, so that's why they did so well."
Marrero and Posada plan to compete gain next year. lase a great tournament to compete in, well later on and still win it." as Triple Crown champions? "We got to defend our title next year," Posada said.


Bass Busters Fishing Tournament Results

## 1. Richard Doctor and Moses Wilson - 23.47 lbs ., 2. Frank Marrero and Mario Posada - 19.15 lbs.,

Clyde Tiger Memorial Big Bass Award

Mario Posada, a Triple Crown-winning, fisherman, holds up a big bass fish at the weigh-in after the conclusion of the Bass Bust-
ers Fishing Tournament on May 7.

[^6]Seminole Triple Crown Fishing Tournament Champion 1. Frank Marrero and Mario Posada -60.87 lbs .

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## BC Senior Center Hosts 9th Annual Pool Tournament <br> \section*{George Billie, 82, said he h}

 BY JUDY WEEKS BIG CYPRESS - Billiards players 1960s and enjoy the game as much todaygathered at the Senior Center to shoot pool as I ever did," he said. "It keeps your mind in the 9tiAnnual Big Cypress Seniors' Pool Tournament.
A previous engagement kept Chairman tition, but he still found time to stop by and offer encouragement to the players. "I grew up with these jokers and we all learned the game from each other," he said. We may have grown older, but never grown
apart. Coming here today brings back a lot of great memories and laughs. Unfortunately, each year our number decreases, however on days like this we remember all of our old friends."
"Everybody here has a great sense of "Everybody here has a great sense of
humor and I can't think of anywhere else humor and I can think on and find competitors routing for ers Jr. "Life hasn't dulled their enthusiasm, it has sharpened their wits."
much of his lifetime at the tables.
"I started playing way back before the sharp and puts you in company with good people."
Louise Billie said she has been playing he last 15 years but still looks forward to
every game. "I had to get my family grown, and then
I was able to join my late husband John at the table," she said. "If he was here today, now that we would win the Doubles."

The winners were as follows: Louise Osceola, 3. Virginia Tommie, 4. Te resa Jumper, 5. Esther Buster. Men: 1. Joe Junior Billie, 2. Russell Osceola, 3. Rudy Osceola, 4. Ricky Doctor, 5. Jonah Cypress.
Mixed Doubles: 1. Joe Junior Billie and Teresa Jumper, 2. Ruby Osceola and George Billie, 3. Russell Osceola and Louise Billie, 4. Rudy Osceola and Esther Buster, 5. Jonah Cypress and Virginia Tommie.


Teresa Jumper lines up for the shot that put two balls in the pocket at the ninth Annual B. C. Seniors' Pool Tournament.


George Billie, 82, credits pool with giving him a lifetime of enter-


From left, Ruby Osceola looks on as Mixed Doubles winners, Teresa Jumper and Joe Jr. Billie collect their prizes and tournament T-shirts.

## EIRA CINCO DE MAYO RODEO RESULTS

## JUNIOR RODEO

INFR Steer Riding: 1. Frank Huff, 2. (tie) Kelton Smedley and Andre Jumper
Mutton Bustin: 1. Creek Gopher 2. Jason Yeampierre Jr Mutton Bustin: 1. Creek Gopher, 2. Jason Yeampierre, Jr., 3. Dwayne Billie. Pony Riding: 1. Tripp Edgar. 2. Daniel Rodriguez
Steer Riding: 1. Frank Huff, 2. Daniel Rodriguez
Jr. Bull Riding: 1. Ernie Courson, 2. William Bearden.
Chute Dogging: 1. Andrew Holmes, 2. Tyler Tigertail, 3. Josh Johns. 4-8 Barrel Racing: 1. Brighton Bauman, 2. Jacee Jumper, 3. Budda Jumper 9-12 Barrel Racing: 1. Kalgary Johns, 2. Ahnie Jumper, 3. Harlie Maggard. 13-17 Barrel Racing: 1. Ashley Parks, 2. Acealyn Youngblood, 3. Reagon Tigertail Jr. Steer Undecorating: 1. Kalgary Johns, 2. Blevyns Jumper. Sr. Steer Undecorating: 1. Dalton Boney, 2. Chebon Gooden, 3. Andre Jumper. SANCTIONED RODEO
Bareback Riding: 1. Jacoby Johns
Steer Wrestling: 1. Quinn Campbell, 2. Warren Rubio, 3. Robbie Chalfant. Calf Roping: 1. Ivan BruisedHead, 2. Josh Weekley, 3. Naha Jumper.
Breakaway: 1. Boogie Jumper, 2. Shelby Osceola.
50 \& Over Breakaway 1 Per
50 \& Over Breakaway: 1. Paul Bowers, Sr.
Team Roping: 1. Marvin Bowers and Preston Williams, 2. Freddy WarBonnet and Todd Johns, 3. Warren Rubio and Jon McCabe.
Ladies Barrel Racing: 1. Mackenzie Bowers, 2. Sc
Ladies Barrel Racing: 1. Mackenzie Bowers, 2. Scooter Johns, 3. Trina Bowers Bull Riding: No Qualified Ride

## RODEO

From page C1
impressive 19.369-second run. Hot on her heels was Mary Jene Koenes, who is a grandmother several times over and hasn't raced since her kids ere in high school.
Seniors weren't the only ones to make headlines in the EIRA rodeo circuit during the week-
end. Teenager Andre Jumper has grown up in rodeo and started his career in the Mutton Bustin. Before heading to Immokalee, he climbed on the rough stock at the Wrangler Junior Rodeo Quali-
fier earlier in the day and came away with a first fier earlier in the day and came away with a first place in the Steer and Bull Riding. His next stop The Cinco de Mayo Junior Rodeo
The
y start at 2 p.m. due to the vast number of entries in each event. 2010 has been a great year for these kids and lots of new talent has been joining their ranks. As the feeder system for the Sanctioned
Rodeo, this is great news and ensures a bright future for the circuit. Vying for points for the Year End Finals and
Qualifiers for the Indian National Finals, the competition in the Sanctioned Events was vigorous. Beginning at 8 p.m., the events lasted until well after midnight with the running of the slack.

ages.


Josh Johns catches his steer, digs in his heels and takes it down during the Chute Dogging. J




Ricky Doctor tees off as Mondo Tiger looks on in a golf cart during the Woods Haven Preparatory School \& Academy Celebrity Golf Classic on May 1. Approximately 80 teams participated in the trournament, which was held at the Inverrary Golf \& Country Club in Lauderhill. The Seminole Tribe of Florida and former Miami Dolphins tight end Troy Drayton hosted the event.


From left, Mabel Doctor, Ronnie Doctor, Vince Micco and Loretta Micco pose during the Woods From left, Mabel Doctor, Ronnie Doctor, Vince Micco and Loretta M
Haven Preparatory School \& Academy Celebrity Golf Classic on May 1.


Former Miami Dolphins tight ends Troy Drayton, center, and Ed Perry, right, stand with boxing heavyweight Oliver McCall, left, and friends during the event.


Lawrence Osceola lines up a putt during the Golf Classic.


Mabel Doctor pumps her fist after sinking a putt as husband Ronnie Doctor looks on.


Kevin Osceola sinks a putt as from left, Elizabeth Bowers, Steven Bow Kevin Osceola sinks a putt as, from left, Elizabeth Bowers, Steven Bowe
Haven Preparatory School \& Academy Celebrity Golf Classic on May 1.


From left, Kevin Osceola, Shannon Rhodes, Elizabeth Bowers and Steven Bowers pose at the event.

15th Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament
 ness Basketball Tournament held April 24 at the Hollywood Gym. 2-Legit beat Team Loyalty $69-55$.


Tribal citizen Richard Osceola, middle, of the Hollywood Recreation Department, poses with players on April 24, at the 15th annual March Madness Invitational Shootout - the home of the Hardwood Classic. Osceola said the tournament is usually rganized the first week of March, but this year, due to schedule changes it was moved to April. Osceola would like to thank
the following sponsors for supporting the tournament: Miccosukee Tribal Council, the Seminole Tribal Council, Seminole Recreation Department and Big E Entertainment.


Tribal participant Cicero Osceola sizes up his approach toward the green.
Chaka Stars Foundation Golf Tourney


Brighton Tribal citizens and guests from the surrounding community show their support together in between holes for the second annual Chaka Stars Foundation Golf Tournament held at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club on May 8. The Tribal
-sponsored gathering featured foursomes in a scramble and shotgun format with sports memorabilia items up for bidding -sponsored gathering featured foursomes in a scramble and shotgun format with sports memorabilia items up for bidding
along with lunch and prize drawings. Hollywood Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola IJ. participated in the event as well as other celebrity sports guests, including University of Miami Hurricanes quarterback Jacory Harris and Miami Dolphins linebacker Channing Crowder. For more information, call 863-634-742


Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. goes for an easy putt.


Miami Dolphins standout linebacker Channing
Crowder admires his shot from the Crowder admires his shot from the tee.


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## LUIS RAUSEO

Congratulations to All 2010 graduates!

Ahfachkee School Features Commencement Exercises for its 2010 Graduates


At Ahfachkee School's Graduation Commencent Exercises on June 1, the kindergarten class perform graduation-related songs to the delight of the attendatsts at the Herman L. Sceola Gymnasiem. The 14 kindergarten gradu
ates are, in alphabetical order: Nicholus Andrews, Athena Bert, Talia Billie, Sontino Billie, Evan Cypress, Harmony Cypress, Lauren Doctor, Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, Cale Osceola, Charlie Osceola, Dacia Osceola, Daylon Osceola, Edie Robbins and Chyler Villarea

## Tribal Youth Celebrate

 Graduating from Hollywood Christian

Hollywood Christian Academy Tribal fifth graders on stage during graduation ceremonies held June 3 on campus.

Pemayetv Emahakv Has Fourth Nine Weeks Awards Ceremony



Tampa High School Senior Celebrates Graduation
 Tampa Tribal Mem
ber Phaydra Clark graduated with hon
ors from Arwood ors from Armwod
High School in Sef High School in Sef-
fner, Fla. She will attend Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Orlando. Pictured are mothe Debbie Henry, gradu-

ate Phaydra Clark, sister Christina Clark | sister Christina Clark |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| and | grandmother |  |
| Linda | $0^{\prime}$ | Henry. |

Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Award Highlights Education


From right, Moses Jumper, Jr. and Mike Tiger recognize Haskell University Coach and Professor Benny Smith with the Howard Tiger Memorial
$\frac{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
LAWRENCE, Kan. - Acknowl edging Native Americans who dedicate their lives to helping young people through sports and education, the How-
ard Tiger Memorial Award was presented for the fourth time on May 6 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola said, "The Howard Tiger Memorial Award recognizes the ability
of a person to choose in athletics of a person to choose in athletics and
life, a course that will benefit others and have a positive impact. As a U.S. World War II veteran, who participated

Immokalee Graduates Achieve Their Goals
ane Batle for Nwo Jima. He retred and was instrumental in establishing the Seminole Recreation Department. As our first coach, he helped instill
strength essary to and leadership qualities, nec"A Seminole Sports Hall of Fame
cer inductee, Howard Tiger had a tremendous effect upon Seminole youth through his athletic programs and ento further their Jumper, Jr "A education," said Moses and football player, semi-pro baseball he was my mentor and inspired me to attend Haskell."
: Please see AWARD on page 2A

The Sky Is The Limit for 11 Students Graduating from Big Cypress Preschool


Students Showcase Their Talents at School's Annual Show
$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BRIGHTON - Students of Pemayetv Emahakv put aside their academic talent on the last day of school to show off their many other skills The talent show June 9 was held in the cafeteria and provided fun and laughter for all with a variety of performances from all grade levels
Pemayetv Emahakv's Performance Arts Club kicked off the their rendition of "The Tortoise and the Hare Race Again" The pla with their rendition of "The Tortoise and the Hare Race Again." The play emFollowing the play, the laughter came out with dances, singing and skits


The kindergartners lasso in the audience with their cowboy dance.


Alec Cypress graduates with the class of 2010 from iTECH Immo kalee Technical Center.


Nikki Davis received her
high school diploma with the high school diploma with the
2010 Immokalee High School
Class. 2010 In
"I think it is wonderful that the
"I think it is wonderful that the
Seminole Tribe and Haskell UniverSeminole Tribe and Haskell Univer-
sity have such a wonderful working sity have such a wonderful working gether they are keeping the memory of deceased veterans and outstanding teachers and coaches alive. My father was a coach and believed that
the future depended upon proper guidance for our next generations. His legacy continues when we honor these educators."
During the 2010 Haskell Faculty Awards Ceremony on May 6 Moses Jumper, Jr. and Mike Tiger
presented Benny Smith with the Howard Tiger Memorial Award. A full blooded Cherokee, Smith joined the Haskell faculty in 1971 as a football coach, and then worked
with students in track, basketball with students in track, basketball
and the rodeo club. Transferring to an administrative capacity, Smith is a strong advocate of culttural and Native American language fluency. He dedicated his life to mentoring his students and retired three years
ago from a position as Director of ago from a position
Student Counseling.

Among past honorees were
"I am going to take my time and explore my op-
ions before I rush into anything," said Alec Cypress. "I tions before I rush into anything," said Alec Cypress. "I
need to decide where I am headed before I can set any goals. This is too important for me to make a wrong decision that could affect the rest of my life." Josie Davis expressed her appreciation to her fam-
ily for their continued support. She said "I and became a mother at an early age. After my daughter, Remy, was born, I said that I would get my GED I realized wing always seemed to get in the way. Finally realized what a great responsibility it is to be a parent young parents to finish their education and I urge all young parents to finish their education and set an ex-
ample for their children. The future depends upon it"


The Performance Arts Club shows off its three months of hard work in the Buxton
The Performance Arts Club shows off its three months of hard work in the
performance of "The Tortoise and the Hare Race Again."
 Coach Llewellen started as the high school football coach in 1956 and put Haskell on the map with track, field and football. His colleague, cross country coach Tuckwin, ex-
celled in numerous sports and celled in numerous sports and
continues his teaching career as a professor in the Haskell School of usiness.

Phil Homer Ratha grew up in the Haskell educational system and
spent the next forty years coachspent the next forty years coach-
ing and teaching at his alma mater. "During my tenure, I have had a long association with students from the Seminole Tribe that goes all the way back to sharing a room with Eugene Bowers in 1956," said Ratha. "I have a great deal of ad-
miration for the wonderful accomplishments of the Seminole Tribe and their dedication to improving education, health and wellness. A few years ago, I enjoyed an inspirand look forward to reviewing the and look forward to reviewing the
Tribe's innovative wellness programs in the not too distant future."


Chairman Mitchell Cypress joins, Kenny Joe Davis, Sr. and Jot Davis Sr . his mother, Martha Billie, in congratulating Josie Davis upon receiving her high school diploma.


Photo extra from Big Cypress' Preschool Graduation

## AWARD

Four years ago Mike Tosee, Diand Sciences, joined alumni Moses Jumper, Jr. and Howard Tiger's son Seminole Treasurer Mike Tiger, instituting the Award to honor N
tive American coaches and profes to guiding Native American yout Originally established in 188 as a U.S. Indian Industrial Train ing and Boarding School, Haske expanded its academic studies 1894 to include high school stuin 1927, it graduated its final high school class in 1965 and became an accredited junior college. With the addition of a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1993, the school was granted university status. Each of the Howard Tiger Me-
morial Award recipients have had distinguished careers as coaches and distinguished careers as coaches and the transition of the University.

## President Bowers Visits Immokalee Preschoolers

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
IMMOKALEE - To the surprise of the Immo kalee Preschool's staff and students, President Richard
Bowers Jr. made a stop at the Tribal facility on May 24 . The visit to Immokalee was one to remember in particular, for two Immokalee Preschool graduate

Posada. Both youngsters, who graduated from the Immokalee Preschool on May 12, were treated to a photo shoot with President Bowers at the school.
into the entire Immokalee Preschool family later got time with the Seminole Tribe of Florida President as well. ${ }^{\text {"T }}$


Naji Tobias
g words to
At Ms. Maria Castro's classroom, President Bowers speaks encouraging words to the 3- and 4-year-old students during his visit to the Immokalee Preschool on May
 dance ( 18 overall). "I just want to let
them know that we support them all the way in what we do. We are here
to make them the best Tribal citizens they can be. Even at a young age, they can be. Even at a young age,
they can always count on the Tribe to be there for them."
Alex Ibarra, parent involvement aide for the Immokalee Preschool,
expressed her appreciation for expressed her appreciation for the
President's visit to the site on an early Monday morning.
early Monday morning. "The children were able to see somebody else other than their everyday teachers," Ibarra said. "It was a fun and happy experience for all of
us to spend time with our President. us to spend time with our President.
We hope he comes back soon and We hope he comes back soon and
enjoy some more time with our chil-
dren," The 2009-2010 school year for
the Immokalee Preschool concluded the Immokalee Preschool concluded
on May 28 .

## SHOW

## From page 1A

performed by the students for the entire "We've tried to create a tradition here at PECS for doing something a little fun and get them entertained for
the last day of school," teacher Pamela the last day of school," teacher Pamela
Hudson said. The talent show was open to all
grade levels and students. Hudson, who grade levels and students. Hudson, who
helped organize the event, said that helped organize the event, said that
each grade level had the option of doeach grade level had the option of do-
ing a performance together or students ing a performance together or students
could team up with friends and do a performance of their choice. The kindergarten classes got to-
gether and did a cowboy dance with all the students clad in cowboy hats and country attire.
"Teachers
leachers often get in there and work with their students," Hudson
said. "It gives them something to work said. "It gives them something to work
on in the downtime to keep the kids excited for the last three or four days of
school." school.
Many students stayed after school Many students stayed after school
days leading up to the talent show pracdays leading up to
ticing with friends.
Other performances included raps
about school and fellow classmates, skits to popular songs, and the sixth graders had a little fun poking at a few of their past favorite teachers.
Parents enjoyed themselves trying
keep their cameras steady as they snapped pictures and filmed the performances.
"We li
"We like to draw the parents in any
time that we can," Hudson said. "It's time that we can," Hudson said. "It's
about enjoying the last day of school about enjoying the last day of school
and showing off some of their other and show

Hoeakers who speakers who were on board to congratulate the Ahfachkee School's graduates
exercises.


During the Big Cypress Preschool Graduation Ceremony, the 11 graduates performed in a staged play entitled "Three Little Pigs." The graduation acting sequence took place just before they lined up to receive their certificates from Chair nan Mitchell Cypress. The play was one of the two highlights of the May 27 special event, held at the Big Cypress Com
nunity Center.

More photos from Ahfachkee's Graduation Ceremony


| Naji Tobias |
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Ahfachkee School students Dayra Koenes, left, and
Eyanna Billie recite the pledges to both the SemiEyanna Billie recite the pledges to both the Semi-
nole and American flags in respective order at the


The Ahfachkee School eighth graders sit together in unison as they wait to be called up for their diplomas.

The entire
Bowers.

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##  Community



After More Than 50 Years, South Carolinian Gives Thanks to Tribal Citizen for Saving his Life


Tribal senior Coleman Josh recently received thanks from former co-worker whose life he saved more than five decades ago.

Tribal Council Holds Special Session on Amendment

HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal XXI to Constitution and bylaws
Hencil convened for a special ses- of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Council convened for a special ses- of the Seminole Tribe of Florida
sion at the Tribal Headquarters on to repeal Article II, Section 9; re-
the Hollywood Reservation passing scind Tribal Council Resolution No. the Hollywood Reservation passing
one resolution on the June 4 agenda:
Resolution 5: Amendment No. Attorney Talks Business in Upcoming Workshop

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

Staff Reporter
PORT ST. LUCIE - Tribal citizens will soon benefit from third generation business attorney Frank E. Marley III of the Marley Firm, P.A., as he offers insight to those interested in starting their own business.
Marley, a Tunica Biloxi tribal member, will discuss several Marley, a Tunica Biloxi tribal member, will discuss several areas of
entrepreneurialship including types of businesses, requirements, financial entrepreneurialship including types of businesses, requirements, financial
and legal considerations and other key areas in an upcoming workshop/ seminar called Starting a Business 101, scheduled for July 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn PGA Village
Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the event running until 5
p.m. and will be open to all Tribal citizens on all reservations, with plans p.m. and will be open to all Tribal citizens on all reservations, with plans
to rotate locations based on the success of the Fort Pierce community visit. "The Tribe's overall success in the business realm is just a part of them. I can not thank them enough for letting me share my knowledge in helping allow them to succeed further," Marley said. "The Tribe has been very good to me and Mr. Shore [General Counsel of the Tribal Legal Department] as well as the Chairman [Mitchell Cypress] thought a workshop would be a good idea citizens the tools to know what they need to do. It is the least I can do," the 11-year law veteran Marley continued.
The firm specializes in the areas of federal Indian law, sports, media, entertainment and securities/private equity transactions.
"It has always been a goal of mine to provide this type of information
to all our Tribal members before they sign on that dotted line as to what to all our Tribal members
they need to expect," said S.R. Tommie Fort Pierce Reservation Liaison they need to expect," said
and workshop co-organizer.
His company also represents several current and former National Football League, National Basketball Association and Major League Base-
ball players as their business counsel.
 related to new ventures, marketing and products. "I would want someone to help me if I were
in the same situation," the now 72 -year-old Josh said. "The whole thing was quite surprising when [Goodwyn] contacted me. He helped me recall a
lot of things I forgot about." In another surprising st
finally located Josh he took his gratitude to the next level by writing Josh a $\$ 1,000$ check. "I was very taken back by him sending it,"
Josh said. "He told me it was just a small token of his appreciation. He asked me if I could use
the money. I said yea, sure, but I told him he did not have to do something like that. He insisted though."
The act has left such an indelible mark on Goodwyn that he said he has also been more giv-
ing toward Native American charities throughout ing toward Natie
the years.
"Because of Coleman saving my life I have and charities in his honor for the last 30 years," Goodwyn said.
As a married, devote Christian with eight kids and 17 grandchildren and great grandchil-
dren, Josh said he is grateful for Goodwyn and it was an act of God to reconnect the two after so long.
"I appreciate him. He is a good person and I,
am thankful for him and praise the Lord for him,"
am thankful for him and praise the Lord for him,"
Josh said.
The two now have plans
ruary's Tribal Fair in 2011.


President Richard Bowers talks to Tribal citi-
zen Dorothy Tucker, from Hollywood


Hamish Dodds, chief executive of Hard Rock International.


Chairman Mitchell Cypress speaks to Tribal citizens at the
Owners Meeting on May 22 .

## Owners Meeting Brings Message of Hope

 and Strength in a Still Tough Economy
## BY ADINA LOOCHKARTI

or everybody, but I am expecting to do better than
everybody else. The outlook will continue to look

HOLLYWOOD - Hard Rock International has
162 venues in 52 countries and 26,000 employees system wide. Very few companies are in so many countries. The United Airlines is only in 48 coun of Hard Rock International
These interesting facts were mentioned to Tribal members during a thorough presentation on the financial status for last year and information on ex May 22, held at Hard Rock Live in Hollywood "We're still in recession. It's kind of surprisin oing strong I think compete with every marketin and the right team of people to help us stay afloat,' said Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "There were important questions asked that
makes us aware of those answers given," he added. President Richard Bowers Jr. said, "We' where we probably want to be considering the economy. Some of the things, the vision, will come into place. "We're trying to make as much money for the Tribe as we can in [herone ment like tils. Ou they advise us how to operate in this market and to strengthen the Hard Rock brand.

Dodds said the Hard Rock International adde hree countries to its repertoire last year: a hotel and a casino in Macau,
one in Vietnam.
everybody else. The outlook will continue to look
challenging," Dodds said.
Even in a rough economical environment Hard Rock International was involved in numerous charity events. Dodds talked about a record-breaking fundraising for last year of $\$ 3.5$ million and phil-
anthropic programs that raised money for the environment or helped children. A partnership with Bon Jovi benefited the affordable housing cause and the Pinktober event generated money for cancer research.
Speaking of all the charity events Dodds said, "From my point of view it's marketing, and part of
our personality and culture. I'd like to thank all of our personality and culture. ['d like to thank all of
you for the support for Haiti. [We had] such huge contributions. [It] helps us when we go out there and Referring to the informat.
Referring to the informational meeting, Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. said
it's always good to get info and be knowledgeable. "The more they know, the more proud they are. It's not just about money; it's about philanthropy and helping the other Tribes.
"I think the economy forecast is bright. Even
gh we are in recession, we're not going back. though we are in recession, we're not going back.
We're doing well and the future is bright." Chief Operations Officer Elrod Bower was pleased with the turnout and that the questions rom the Tribal members were impressive.
"I think that we should want to make sure that "I think that we should want to make sure that
have a presence in all the markets in the world. we have a presence in all the markets in the worrd.
One of the main things after the Seminole Tribe One of the main things after the Seminole Tribe
bought Hard Rock, we want to have a good reprebought Hard Rock, we want to h."
sentation worldwide of our brand."


Seminole Interim Director of Housing Omar Barrera opened the Tribe's Housing and Building Workshop
with an overview of the housing denatmer with an overview of the housing department's primary
mission and objective, which is to provide a sense of quality and affordability to the Tribal citizens as far as homeownership and rental housing opportunities are concerned, "We are here to give service to the Tribal members," Barrera said to employees in attendance.
"Please, let's do it with pride." Housing and buidding "Please, let's do it with pride." Housing and building employees from the from the Trail, Hoilywood, Big Cy-
press, Immokalee, Brighton, Fort' Pierce and Tampa press, immokalee, Brighton, fort Pierce and
Reservations attended the May 13 workshop.


Housing and Building Workshop Brings Awareness to Tribal Citizens, Employees


Preston Osceola Prepares His First Album
 re-strung it so the body was still up-
side-down but the strings had the der of a left-handed guitar," he said

BY NAAI TOBIAS Sixteen-year-old Preston Osceola, of Howie-in-
the-Hills, Fla., is preparing his first studio album.

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was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1988 .


Braden Jim, 10, picks up a Seminole Explorers Program application from on May 14.

Tribal youngster Roderick Bert, 11, answers a history question posed by Higher Education Recruiter Luis Yeguez during a game of Jeopardy.

## Y.O.U.T.H. Committee Informs Parents about Summer Activities at Program Fair

BIG CYPRESS - The Y.O.U.T.H. Committee held its inaugural Summer Program Fair May 14 to inform the Tribal youth and their parents about the vast array of activities available this summer.
A total of 12 Big Cypress departments assembled
booths at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium to sho off the happenings that they will offer throughout the summer months.
The departments that participated in this fair were Big Cypress Recreation, Big Cypress Boys \& Girls Club, Ahfachkee School, Seminole Police Department, Seminole Fire Rescue, Seminole Health \& Wellness, Seminole Fitness, Big Cypress Community Center, Ah
Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Culture, Education and the Big Cypress Tribal Council. At the Seminole Fitness station Tribal youngsters
from the Ahfachkee School, the Sagemont School and from the Ahfachkee School, the Sagemont School and Hollywood Christian Academy filled out forms for the
Fitness Dome's summer gymnastics camp, while others Fitness Dome's summer gymnastics camp, while others
went over to the martial arts exhibit to engage in some lessons from Big Cypress Martial Arts Instructor Luis Gutierrez.
The Boys \& Girls Club's exhibit, hosted by Instructor Thommy Doud, featured a game of Egg Roll in
which the Tribal youth had to use pizza boxes to move which the Tribal youth had to use pizza boxes to move
their eggs forward. It proved to be perhaps the most popular attraction at the program fair, with the vast majority of the Tribal youngsters trying it out.
At the SPD station, the Tribal children got to expe rience what it's like to receive fingerprints - an impo tant feature of the law enforcement agency.
The Big Cypress Tribal Council Office and SPD The Big Cypress Tribal Council Office and SPD youth in preparation for the summer and for the 2010 2011 academic year, which begins in August. to advertise its summer school session, which runs June to advertise
21-July 15.
"It gives everybody a good idea of what's going on
this summer with all the different programs Big Cypress this summer with all the different trograms Big Cypress is going to have out here," Ahfachkee School Principal
Walter Swan said. "There is a whole bunch for all the kids to do at this reservation. If they're bored, it won't be for a lack of services. You could really have a good time and not have to leave Big Cypress.' The Recreation Department's booth featured calenof July, the Tribal youngsters will have a variety of ac of July, the Tribal youngsters will have a variety of ac-
tivities to engage in, including trips to Lion Country Safari, the Miami Sea Aquarium and Sun Splash. The reservation's four-week disc golf camp, which started with the week blocks of June 7-10 and June 21Cypress Indigo Disc Golf Park. Classes will be from 10 Cypress Indigo Disc Golf Park. Classes will be from
to $11: 30$ a.m. they're bored this summer," Big Cypress Recreation Assistant Director Stan Frischman said. "You name it, and somewhere on our reservation, we have it available for
them." In to rs and parents 200 Tribal and community youngcome in the summer months.
The Ahfachkee School's students - 160 in all were at the program fair from 11 a.m. until noon, while he Tribal and community youth attending public and out to the event from 4-6 p.m. "It's a great addition to our reservation," Swan said of the program fair. "Down the line, the kids will see that every department here at Big Cypress really cares bout them in all of our efforts to put them first."
The Y.O.U.T.H. Committee, which stands for Youth Uutreach United to Help, is comprised of approximately 20 Big Cypress departments and is sponsored by the office of Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress. The committtee typically meets on the first Thursday of
each month in the Big Cypress Family Investment Ceneach month in the Big C
ter's conference room.
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In the Week 5 class of the SPD Citizen's Police Academy series on May 17, lack Morgan performs a K-9 demonstration in which the trained dog sniffs out for a hide of

## SPD Citizens Police Academy Reaches Midway Point

BY NAII TOBIAS

## Staff Reporter

 Seminole Police Departm seven weeks in ficers Stanley and Jospitre to take nine step nual Citizen's Police Academy, Big Cypress Tribal citizen and student Mornin Osceolasees the workshop series as an introspective way to learn about law enforcement in detail. Osceola, also an executive administrae assistant for the President's Office, wa one of several Tribal participants who were excited about the report writing and DUI
presentations held by the SPD on June 7 . SPD Officers Marvin Stanley and Jean Jospitre were on hand to give a visual demonstration of how traffic offenders pulled over for DUI (driving under the influence)

Osceola, one of two Tribal academy
students to volunteer for the mock field sobriety demonstration, was instructed by Of forward and back on a yellow-and-black stripe tape.
Using beer goggles, Osceola struggled to perform the heel-and-toe field sobriety
operation, as she needed much assistance by both SPD officers to complete the drill.
"Is that person [the offender] swerving?
Is that person racing? Is that person sleeping on the wheel when the light is green?" Of-
ficer Jospitre asked aloud before answering ficer Jospitre asked aloud before answering
his own question. "All these things are taken his own question. "All these things are taken According to Officer Jospitre, it is drivers to and requirement for all licensed stopped for a possible DUI charge.

Tribal citizen/academy student Sue Jane Bert tries on a pair of beer goggles in the
 Citizens Police Academny workshop.
 to-nose and Romberg with recitation
tests. As for the beer goggles, there were two that SPD officers had on hand for the presentation: one with
a representation of a person having a representation of a person having
up to a .06 blood alcohol content and up to a . 06 bosessing a BAC of any where between .17 and .20 BAC more than twice the legal limit. If an offender is charged with
DUI, then he/she will lose his licens for at least a year, according to Jos pitre. Subsequent charges typically
carry stiffer penalties, such as permanent license revocation.
Meanwhile, the earlier portion of the Week 7 class featured a repor writing presentation by SPD Office
Robert Betz. He touched on that as pect in detail, as the Tribal academy students were informed it's the "most important facet of law enforcement." Officer Betz went on to explain
that report writing of any law enthat report writing of any law en-
forcement document and field notes must be accurate, as they are sub-
ject to subpoena in the court of law at any time. If an officer improperly


SPD Officers Jean Jospitre, left, and Marvin Stanley, right, assist Tribal citizen/academy student Mornin Osceola in the mock heel-and-toe field sobriety test at the Week 7 class
competes a police report, then the offende could possibly be "set fre.
ecution," the officer said. "Don't put something on paper that's not there," Officer Betz said. "Reports either make or break you. It could possibly make to the Supreme Court and be seen by people of all different agencies.
At least four types of legal affidavits are used by law enforcement officials. They
include a sworn statement, a victim's state ment, a witness statement and a waiver of prosecution document.
Information that is found to be false on any document, whether it's written by a second degree misdemeanor, according to the state statutes. Civil penalties may also be placed on the offender in question.
Osceola said she has gained a Osceola said she has gained a greater respect for law enforcement, in no small
part by what she's learned in the academy part by what she's learned in the academy
series.
"It was very "It was very informative with each
officer explaining their in-depth experiofficer explaining their in-depth experi-"
ences in their particular areas of training," ences in their particular areas of training,
Osceola said. "That gives me more insight
. of the procedures the police officers have to abide by and the ridicules that they endure
when they are protecting, serving the citizens of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. With the opportunity that the Seminole Tribe and the Seminole Police Department has given the students, and as one of the students, I learned more than wh
didn't know before."

From Weeks 5-7, other law enforcement topics presented to the Tribal academy student included a K-9 visual, identification theft and fraud, narcotics and prescriptions,
child abuse and sex crimes. child abuse and sex crimes.
ries of use of force scenarios, a MILO fire arms simulator and a volunteer ride-along. The Third Annual SPD Citizen's Police Academy is tentatively scheduled to host its graduation ceremony on July 1 at 6 p.m. in
the Hollywood Reservation's Tribal Audithe Hollywood Reservation's Tribal Audi-
torium. For more information, call Officer Marvin Stanley at 954-967-5100.

## First Seminole Church Holds Revival

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - Everyone from the devote and curious to even the lost gathered in the name of faith for a spiritual revival at the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church.
Dozens of Tribal citizens from across all the reservations and community members came together for spiritual growth and renewed hope with dinner, music
and special guests for the four-day event under the diand special guests for the four-day event under the di-
rection of Paul Buster, Pastor of the First Seminole Inrection of Paul Buster, Pastor of the First Seminole In
dian Baptist Church. May 23 through 26, guest Evangelists, church members and guests gave inspiring personal testimonies of their life struggles on different topics such as addiction, sin, faith and graciousness. "Revivals are good to have and give ministers a
chance to talk to those that are lost and those that know chance to talk well," said guest speaker Josh Jumper. "You may not know why you are here; maybe it was the food. If so, you need to have some nourishment for your souls also. "I hope you all came here on empty and the fire on the coals has been relit for you," Jumper added.

Other church goers and guests spoke about the
blessings they have been provided through their faith. "I am here to make myself stronger and thank the Lord for pulling my mother [Minnie Doctor] through her surgery situation," church goer Virgil Doctor said
of his mothers medical issues. of his mothers medical issues.
Joe Herrera talked about
young adult with drugs and alcohol abuse. "In my younger days I longed for freedom and with my sense of freedom came all kinds of things like herd lrugs and alcohol and it led me down a road into a hard life," Herrera said. "As I grew up it was a continu-
ing addiction for me into more drugs and women and crazy lifestyle doing what I wanted to do and forgetting about Jesus. He was the very foundation I forgot about in living that life of sin.
"The life I was living will also help you to eas ily forget about the important things like your family," Other speake
Tribal citizens Alfonzo Tigertail and Moses Jumper Jr Located at 4701 Stirling Road on the Hollywood Reservation, the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church has worship services at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and at
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays.


Pastor Paul Buster talks about the importance of the Bible and faith during a four-day spiritual gathering May 23-26 at the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church

## Tribal Council Meets for Special Session in Brighton

## $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{}$

BRIGHTON - The Tribal Council met in the Brighton Field Office auditorium
May 18 for a special session where Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr stood in as the acting Chairman in Chairman Mitchell Cypress' absence.
Before the Council

Before the Council attended to the agenda, Rep. Bowers acknowledged recen
Florida State University graduate Bryan Florida State University graduate Bryan
Arledge for his academic achievement. Arledge for his academic achievement. out," Rep. Bowers said.
Rep. Bowers also
Rep. Bowers also introduced the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Studen
Council members who sat in on the council meeting to get a first hand look at how Tribal government is run. After the announcements, the meeting resumed as normal with
18 resolutions on the agenda being passed 18 resolutio
including:

Resolution 11: Twenty-third annual work plan submitted to the South Florida work plan submitted to the South Frorid Tribe of Florida;
Resolution 14: Approval of agreement
with Klai-Juba Architects, Ltd. For architectural, engineering and design services to bridgest a parking garage and pock Hotel \& Casino;

Resolution 18: Memorandum of under
partment of Health and the Seminole Tribe
of Florida for development of the H1N1 influenza pandemic preparedness program; Ratification;
Resolution 20: Winnercomm, Inc. 2009 sociation Xtreme Bulls Tour title sponsorship agreement title sponsorship fee; Resolution 23: First Amendment to D/B/A Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino Hollywood (tenant) and the Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America (landlord); lim-

Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Ir. | Rachel Buxton |
| :---: | Bryan Arledge on his recent college graduation.



Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. congratulates

Big Cypress Seniors Travel to the Holy Land Experience
ig Cypress Reservation's seniors took a three-day trip to Orlando on a tour of the Holy Land Experience from May 20-22. It was a special Mother's Day/Father's Day treat ence Tour, they got to see a live demonstration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and watched a play depicting the Bible character Daniel in the Lion's Den, among many other spiritual acts. Many of the seniors said they enjoyed the experience and would




Guest evangelist Josh Jumper discusses his own personal trials and the meaning of faith, in front of guests and family.


# A Mother's/Father's Day Tribute: Senior Profile of Claudia Doctor and Rudy Osceola 

Big Cypress Seniors Share Their Life Experiences, Talk about Their Time at the Holy Land Experience
$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS/ORLANDO June 7, Tribal Seniors Cladia Doctor and
Rudy Osceola took the time to reflect on some of their past memories at the Big Cypress senior Cente
dining hall, they talked at length not only about their lives, but how their Mother's Day/Father's Day bus trip went at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando.
They were among 22 Big Cypress SeThey were among 22 Big Cypress Se-
niors who traveled to Orlando from May
20-22. Big Cypress Senior Center Director
Cecilia Guzman said the trip was meant
to combine the Mother's and Father's Day
holidays and honor all of the Tribal Senior
holidays and honor all of the Tribal Senior
mothers and fathers.
"The seniors wanted to go to the Holy Land. So, we did that as a way for them to spend time together as a group and exercise themselves," Guzman said. "It's great to again."
The excursion, which took them to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, was one that evoked some teachable moments from d which also featured stints charter bus trip, which also featured stints at a few shopping
spots, was one to remember was one to remember. hancing Moment


Nail Tobias
Big Cypress Tribal Elder Claudia Doctor enjoys her experience at the Holy lehem, Oriando on Ma
for me to be here today because I was raised
in a Christian Church," Doctor said on May 21. "Church is holy and it's just a blessing to here's no God out there", of people think Doctor and there" chance to take in "The Last Supper" " got munion festivities and later watched a spirial play on the Bible story of Daniel in the n's den, to name just two stops made that The Holy Land Experience Trip proved to be an eye-opener for Doctor. She said she
wants more Tribal members to check out the facility in the future. "It's exciting to see other things besides of

Life Before the Holy Land

Experience
Talking about her past life and her family, Doctor sees that as a refreshing element
into. Born in 1951, Doctor wa raised in a chickee at the Big Cypress Reservation with seven siblings and her parents.
Other than attending church regularly Other than attending church regularly,
Doctor's upbringing consisted of helping Doctor's upbringing consisted of helping
her mother, Mary B. Billie, cook and assisting her in the rearing of her younger broth-

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& \text { ers and sisters. } \\
& \text { "I didn't have much time for play," }
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octor said.

In Doctor's early days, her father late Stanley Cypress, operated a tractor to provide for the family. Cypress was considered a hunter in his day, regularly bringing home deer, turtle and fish.
"We also grew tomatoes, peppers and
watermelon," Doctor said. "That was our
watermelon," Doctor said. "That was our
main source of food." Doctor would go
schooling in Big Cypress, where she would receive her GED in 1975. Doctor raised two children: Jonathan Harjo, now 38; and El-
dean Jo Billie, 24 . dean Jo Billie, 24.

Doctor, a grandmother of five, regularly took her children to the New Testament
Baptist Church on Sundays. From there, it was family time at the Billie Swamp Safari. What Doctor remembers from that ex-
perience is that her children enjoyed the perience is that her children enjoyed the church and family mome
stays with her even today

Rudy's Memorable Moments Doctor said she will always remember
udy Osceola, her fellow senior, as a "cow-
Rudy Osceola, her fellow senior, as a "cow-
"Rudy was raised a cowboy and he'll always be one," Doctor said. "That's all

Born in 1944 to Betty Mae and Henry Osceola, Osceola was the third of five chil-
dren. A Clewiston native, Osceola went to the Big Cypress First Baptist Church as a young boy.
 tian faith.
"Growing up, I was
scared to get in trouble," scared to get in trouble,"
Osceola said. "My elders told me I would burn in
hell if I died in my sins. I was taught to keep my body clean and useful for God's Oy was horseback favorite hobby was horseback riding,
something he would later use as a springboard to his cowboy experiences. Osceo-
la's great uncles, Junior and Jimmie Cypress, who were part of he original Seminole
cowboys in the early days, taught him how to work the cattle and become a good horseman.
Osceol
a "cowboy" is a God-given talent for him, touched on

## "I tried to hang on

to a horse one day, so
wouldn't beat me down to
the ground," Osceola said
learned to be a cowboy."
$\qquad$ A Clewiston High
School graduate in 1966, Osceola tried the
ten a chance to see the Holy Land Experi-
field of automobile mechanics for a few years, years, including a one-year stint at a trading likely be etched in his mental memory log
school in Dallas, Texas. In case automobile for the rest of his life.
mechanics didn't work out, Osceola knew mechanics didn't work in he always had the cowboy route to fall back

After the one-year trade school stin in 1967, Osceola returned to Clewiston to work as a mechanic for Ford and Chevrolet However, he decided a However, he decided a few years late Osceola opened up about all this both during his time at the Holy Land Experienc and at the round table in the Big Cypress Se-
nior Center.
"My great uncles always wanted me to
"My great uncles always wanted me to work cows with them," Osceola said. "If it
wasn't for them, I wouldn't be loving what I do today."
An outdoorsman who loves to play with horseshoes, Osceola has served as a cattle
herdsman for the Tribe's Cattle and Range herdsman for the Tribe's Cattle and Rang Department over the last 35 years. He has
one adopted son, Cicero Osceola, and grandson, 17-year-old Rowdey Osceola. 1972 Osceola's natural son, Carl, was born in sa 72 and passed away in 2004 .
Even with all that has transpired Even with all that has transpire


Rudy Osceola watches the EIRA/Sports Festival's Naij Tobias Rudy Osceola watches the EIRA/Sports Festival's Rodeo Competi-
tion from the bleachers on the night of May 22, just hours after returning from a three-day trip to Orlando for a chance to see the Holy Land Experience. "The trip made me want to believe more in God," Osceola said. "It was good to
see [the Holy Land Experience] in person." Claudia and Rudy Come Full Circle Both Doctor and Osceola said they were hankful to Guzman and her staff for giving nem the chance to gain a spiritually enhanceverything about the Mother's Day/Father's
Day trip.
Doctor liked the fact she was able to reach Big Cypress before dusk on May 22. Meanwhile, Osceola was happy to get home Association's Sports Festival Rodeo for the night.
"It was refreshing for all of us to ride on the bus and see the sights," Doctor said. "We enjoyed each other."
With that being
With that being said, both seniors, getSenior Center table, offered a special message for all the mothers and fathers Tribal"Happy Mother's and Fathers Tribalyoung and Mother's and Father's Day to unison.


The Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki wuseum presents a retrospective and introspective exhibit

## Postcards \& Perceptions Culture as Tourism <br> Honoring the innovative, resourceful and graceful Seminole men, women and children of the early tourist camp era.

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Tribal citizen and hip-hop artist Carradine Billie keeps the wowds entertained onstage performing one of his $\begin{gathered}\text { isina }\end{gathered}$

## Second Annual Car Warz Returns to Hard Rock



Tribal citizen Sandy Billie with his custom-designed 1984 Chevrolet J-10 truck, left, and 1995

## Seminole Film Club Debuts 'March Point’ at Screening

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter
HOLLYWOOD - The Seminol Film Club made its debut at the Okalee Vil-
lage with the screening of an independent, thought provoking, ambitious documentary entitled "March Point."
Tribal citizen, poet, writer and film
maker Elgin Jumper and Diane Stone, Ah maker Elgin Jumper and Diane Stone, Ah
Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Education Coordina tor, co-organized the event and created the club with the intent of spotlighting more o
the artistic endeavors of Native American

## in the filmic industry in the film industry. "This is for people who are really into movies," Jumper said of the May 14 gather

 ing. "The good thing about this club is that it will give people a chance to see the type of film we have shown that they ordinarily would not get to see.""I am still learning, and this film was a sneak peek into what I am doing in the future," he said. "The benefits and potential thing enhances the whole Seminole Triba
dependent film awards, the 2006 short film on a journey of truth and discovery as the hree chose to make a documentary exploring the effects of oil refinery dumping on and around their Swinomish Indian Tribal Community reservation lands located in he western town of La Conner, Wash. The oung filmmakers eventually take their connor of the state. because I thought it was inspiring and empowering," Jumper said. "They [the youth] got into their situation not knowing where it them," Jumper said.
"The main motivation for me to come
and see the movie was the choices the kids made. It had a lot of good points in it that a ot of our Seminole kids need to see," said al citizen Steve Osceola.
Jumper and Stone said the next screenwill be on June 25 with the hopes of fua Friday. For more information on the club call


Guests watch the short film "March Point"

Seminole Star Search Second Music Camp Discovers New Talents


Tribal veteran and newcomer artists and judges came together on slage Music Camp at the Seminole Oaklee Village June 5. It was the second camp of 2010 with special judges on hand to critique and evaluate the performers representing five of the Tribe's reservations in several musicar genres including thrash-rock, hip-hop and pop.


Monthly Seminole Moments Series Emphasizes Importance of Museum Exhibits $\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS monthly Seminole Moments her latest edition of the individuals spent their lunch break on May 19 learning about the Tribe's impact on museum exhibits. -Thi-Ki Museum Presenter/Curator Saul Drake conducted a PowerPoint presentation and virtual tour of the Tribally sponsored Postcards and Perceptions exhibit.
Drake talked to the attendees about several exhib Drake talked to the attendees about several exhib-
is at the museum, which include the Corn Dance, the its at the museum, which include the Corn Dance, the
Tools of War as it relates to the three Seminole Wars, the Cattle Keepers display and a Seminole Traveling piece. According to Drake, the exhibits, which he described as "Seminole-specific," are aimed to obtain a Drake also showed the
that individuals many years ago used three postcards that individuals many years ago used as a part of their
vacation scrapbooks, providing for a litany of lasting memories for generations. One of the Seminole postcards was made out of Plexiglas, while the other two were erected on a foam core board.
There are about 600 postcards at the Ah-Tah-Thi-
Museum, which showcase early Seminole times Ki Museum, which showcase early Seminole times,
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Education Coordin Diana Stone said the foam core board is acid-free,
which prevents the postcards from degrading the ink on its text panels. "They hold up really well and are sturdy,"
Stone said. "It describes an artifact that we show to Stone said. "It describes an artifact that we show to
the public"

Brighton Reservation Outreach Specialist Willie Johns reminisced about the early Seminole days
when his ancestors were making hand crafts and when his ancestors were making hand crafts and
patchwork to sell to tourists between Naples and patchwork to sell to touri
Miami in the early 1900 s.

Only some of Johns' ancestors were directly involved in the postcards era, he said. It was due
to the fact that most of his family hailed from the Okeechobee/Fort Pierce area, where individuals
ood description of how our ancestors lived before we Museum visitors can now take a look at all that ia a Touch Table, which is somewhat akin to an Apple geared toward providing a sound educational opportunity for children and their families, given the fact many vavy, so this is our attempt to draw them educationally," Drake said. "They want to be able to see and touch what they're looking Coming this August will likely be a Touch Table come new feature that shapes up to add to the plethora of Seminole items available to the viewing public. its being stataic and kind of frozen and unchanging," Drake said. "Nothing's moving, but I want to make
people aware there's a whole back story to it. Hopefully, people aware there's a whole back story to it. Hopefully, we have a lot of cool things in store for the future." The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum's Traveling Exhibit
will be available to museums nationwide in Feb. 2011, will be available to museums nationwide in Feb. 2011,
Drake said. For mor


Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Presenter/Curator Saul Drake points out the scraphook style for this year's "Postcards and Perceptions"
exhibit, which began in March and runs until February 2011.
"It's good that we were able to obtain theses
postcards in the 1900s," Johns said. "It gave us a
High School Senior Receives Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta Scholarship

McKayla Snow presents in honor of he late mother the Dawn Marie Snow Fe titta Memorial Nursing Scholarship to
Okeechobee High School senior Brooke Stewart. The event was May 20 at Scholarship Night in the high school auditorium. It
is the fourth year the scholarship has been is the fourth year the scholarship has been
given out memorializing the late Fertitta given out memorializing the late Fertitta
who was in the nursing field. The scholwho was in the nursing field. The schol-
arship is given to a senior each year who plans to enter the nursing medical field.

- Rachel Buxton -Rachel Buxton

SPD Lieutenant Norton Attends Command School

BY LT. JERRY MEISENHEIMER
The Seminole Police Department is proud to announce that Lieutenant
Shawn Norton is presently attendSiawn Norton is presently attend-
ing the prestigious Command Officer Development Course. The six-month course is put on by the Southern Po-
lice Institute in association with the lice Institute in association with the
University of Louisville. Supervisors University of Louisville. Supervisors
participating in this course spend two by two weeks on the job, throughout the six months.
CODC class. Participants of the 60th CODC class. Participants range from road patrol, detention, and communi-
cations supervisors, to ranking command staff officers, to chiefs of police

cies statewide and nationwide. The
curriculum covers topics like the hiscurriculum covers topics like the his-
tory of law enforcement, legal issues, harassment in the workplace, organizing, budgeting and staffing a police
department, leadership, public speaking and much more. After completing the course, attendees are armed with their agencies to assume more responsibility in their careers in law enforcement.
While it is difficult for Lt. Norton to be away from home for two week
at a time, the education he is receiv ing will be valuable to him and the Seminole Police Department for years to come. He lives in Okeechobee and is attending class in Davie. He will graduate at the end of July.
Lt. Norton has been employed by SPD since September 2004. He the Brighton Reservation, a detective,
road sergeant, and currently as the ieutenant over the Brighton and Fort Pierce Reservations. He is a native his whole life in Okeechobee, except After
Araduating
grom Okeechobee High School in 1990, Lt. Norton earned two associate degrees from Indian River Community College; and then a bachelor's degree he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He also finished second in his class at the Lt. Norton's law enforcement experience includes time with the
Glades County Sheriff's Office, the Fort Pierce Police Department and the Okeechobee Sheriff's Department. He has been in road patrol, the traffic unit and the school resource officer's unit. He was a member of both the Juvenile
Crime and the Multi Agency Crime Crime and the Multi Agency Crime
Task Forces. While a member of the Task Forces. While a member of the
United States Army, Infantry Division, Lt. Norton served on the tank crew of
the Assistant Division Commander during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was also an aide to
General James Brickman. He received the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.
During his law enforcement ca-
Ler, Norton already holds 30 li reer, Lt. Norton already holds 30 li-
censes and certificates in a wide range censes and certificates
of subjects. On a personal note, he and his
wife, Jill, have three children, two attending college and one in middle school. Motorcycling is his favorite
hobby. He owns seven of them races dirt bikes in his spare them and often travels to picturesque Helen Ga., to view the countryside with a
group of fellow bikers. He and his group of fellow bikers. He and his
family also like to go golfing together.
Lt. Norton grew up in the shad of the Brighton Reservation shadow had many tribal members as class mates and friends over the years. He recalls being coached in baseball by Dan Bowers, and in football by John officer in the Sr. As a school resource tem, he interacted with Tribal childrattending those schools. The knowledge that acquires from completing the Comwill assuricers Development Course for future nat he will be considered with the Seminole Police Department He looks forward to using his educanole Tribe of Florida communities.

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Office of Public Safety Recognizes Outstanding Achievements at Awards Luncheon


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Keynote speaker Bud Mercer, the Chief Operating Officer for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games was invited
to the luncheon to talk about the challenges in ensuring to the luncheon to talk about the challenges in ensuring

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## This Season Learn How to Keep Your Animals Safe

$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { BY NAII TOBIAS } & \begin{array}{l}\text { ing trees - they're safer that way," Nick An- } \\ \text { Staff Reporter said of the animals. }\end{array} \\ \text { (Nick Andrews, who owns the Big Cy- }\end{array}\right\}$

## Don't Forget to Plan for Your Health Before a Hurricane Hits

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BRIGHTON - As soon as a hurricane hits the radar, people also hit the hardware
and grocery stores. hurricane, the first thoughts usually involve putting up shutters, boarding up windows
and stocking up on food. However, another important thing that must be preplanned for
health and medical needs.
The Seminole Health
helping community members prepare for
safe "At the beginning of hurricane season nity just to let them know that if they have would qualify for special needs, they need to fill that out and get that back in to us and make us aware that they are there and that
they would require our assistance," said Health Department's Barbara Boling. flag the patients that may require medical aslow up throughout the hurricane season. At
the first site of a threat, nurses and caregivers tend to the commun ith medical options.
Boling said their
Boling said their first option for patients their families during the hurricane, but if that's not possible then there are caregivers available to the patients.
For those patients who are eligible for
special needs services and need to special needs services and need to reside special needs shelters. The Health Department will work with the patients to coordinate any needed transportation

## Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

|  | Emergency Preparedness Kit: |
| :---: | :---: |
| ity, for anywhere from said Carl Fowler, The Seminole | One gallon of water per person, per |
| Tribe's Emergency Management Coordinator. | day ${ }^{\text {der }}$ |
| -rdinator. | i.e. |
| also important. Shutters or 3/8- |  |
| should sustain hurricane force winds. |  |
|  | la, etc. |
| (Note: See Box 2 Info for Shutters) In addition, learning where the nearest shelters are located, could reduce the |  |
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| stress level come evacuation time. <br> Hurricane Season runs June 1 |  |
| rough Nov. 30 and sea level surface |  |
| temperatues increase at the beginning of the season. This could trigger a |  |
|  | ank of Ga |
| tropical storm and if winds sustain up to 74 miles per hour, a hurricane could |  |
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| (cold) are larger scale changes in the temperatures that result from the interaction of the surface of the ocean and |  |
|  | f |
| the atmosphere. <br> "We have a pretty good handle on |  |
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| Niño is in its demise and we'll prob- | lot of water and come up with the rain |
| ably be in the La Niña oceanographic |  |
| event in the Pacific by the peak of the hurricane season. Most La Niña years | The important thing is to have a |
|  | plan, understand the risks associated |
| trend towards more active seasons," | hurricanes, and the responsibili- |
| Hurricanes can be very fright |  |

must take their health in their own hands and be prepared in the case of a disaster.
"The big thing is going to be medica"The big thing is going to be medicathose during the storm so you should try to
make sure you have at least a two-week supply," Boling said. "Take stock in your inven-
tory. If you're a diabetic and you need to test your blood sugar, make sure you have your
strips, that you have enough of those strips, hat you have your insulin."
Any special needs patient or elder who
requires a CPAP breathing machine or any other electronic medical device must make arrangements prior to a storm to receive
portable devices that can be used without a standby generator. Or, if a generator is nec essary, the local Buildings and Grounds During the event of a hurricane nurses
will work closely with patients that require special treatment such as dialysis. Nurses will help coordinate with treatment facilities to rearrange dialysis dates so patients
are still receiving the same number of days are stild.

Please see HEALTH on page 10A


## Tribe Maintains Support of Governor's Hurricane

 Conference Amid Impending Storm SeasonBY chRIS c. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

Education Department Is Prepared for Hurricane Season


Plan Now for a Busy 2010 Storm Season
BY CARL FOWLER
Emergency Management Coordinator
Brighton, Fort Pierce \& Tampa Rservations
The news from last month's annual Florida
Governor's Hurricane Conference was not what we wovernor's to hearricane - that the 2010 Atlantic Hurricane
weason will be cord number of storms. The good news is that the cord number of storms. The good news is that the
Department of Emergency Management was there to get the latest updates and to meet with state and local government planners on how best to prepare our communities for the six month storm season that
began June 1 and extends through Nov. 30 . Director Bob Tarrant and Emergency Management Coordinator Carl Fowler discussed planning
and preparation for hurricanes and tropical storms and preparation for hurricanes and tropical storms
for a special program on the 2010 season that is
being broadcast on the Semino being broadcast on the Seminole Channel through
Nov. 30. Assistant Director Lori Nov. 30. Assistant Director Lori Vun Kannon, who
has been an active supporter of the Conference for has been an active supporter of the Conference for
several years, once again served in a leadership role as a Conference Director. Emergency Management Coordinators Jason Dobronz and Brian Barton provided their support and attended training sessions and workshops to gain the latest information on
preparedness plans and recovery operations for this preparedness plans and recovery operations for this
year.
Among the scientists and weather forecasters
who gathered for the event that took place the week of May 23 at the Broward County Convention Center, there was solid agreement that this year could
mirror the unprecedented storm season of 2005 .

# That's when a record number of tropical systems 

 developed in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico,including Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Wilma including Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Wilma
which battered much of South Florida. And with the which battered much of South Florida. And with the ate to a powerful hurricane dispersing and driving
the plume toward widespread areas of shoreline is particularly troublesome.
While there are numerous organizations and son predictions on the number of storms that could develop, there are two that emergency managers especially rely upon; the federal government's National and a team of weather and climate researchers at Colorado State University, Dr. Bill Gray and Dr. Phil often cited for Gray is internationally known and as based upon a combination of historical and current weather data.
For 2010,
May 27 calls for 14 to 23 named storms (wissued winds of 39 mph or higher) including 8 to 14 hurricanes (with top winds of 74 mph or higher) of which of at least 111 mph ). NOAA also predicts a 70 per-
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$\qquad$
Dr. Gray and Dr. Klotzbach, in issuing their an-
nual forecast June 2, use specific numbers instead
"During a storm, an ID or tag may come off, but crochip stays with the pet," Williamson said. "It's placed under its skin, so it doesn't come off."
Williamson also provided specific advice
owners - in particular - to follow in the event of a hurricane. "For the horses, the best thing to do is spray paint
their backsides with their backsides with the owner's telephone number,"
she said. "Owners have to have a current coggins or a picture of them with a horse to show any Animal Control Agency proof of ownership."
Patrick Peck, the Tribe's Environmental Health Program Manager, said there won't be a specific pet shelter available for cattle this hurricane season. But
there could be one for pets such as cats and dogs, he there could be one for pets such as cats and dogs, he
said.
The Animal Control unit is considering the garage
rea of the Big Cypress Reservation's Cattle and Range Building for pet shelter use. According to Peck, in order for a pet shelter facility to be approved, it must have lighting capacity, air conditioning, running water
resources to be easily cleaned and maintained. k added that the was recently in the process of ordering a pet shelter trailer for Big Cypress. However, the proposed deal fell through, according to him.
"We're going to try hard to find a location," Peck
said. "Our directors are trying to get authorized for said. "Our directors are trying to get authorized for
suitable pet shelter location for our Tribal members."

A pet shelter facility is also up for
he Brighton Reservation, Peck said. The program manager said he hopes a decision will be made by Seminole Health Director Connie Whidden and the Tribal Councirs wind Brighton. If in Big Cypress and Brighton.

If approved, the Immokalee Reservation, in addishare the proposed Big Cypress pet shelter. Meanwhile, the Fort Pierce Reservation's residents would be able to use Brighton's, should they desire to do so. The Tampa Reservation's residents have several
options for pet shelter storages.
Provided that the Tampa Tribal pet owners have a
cage and proof of vaccination, they can place their pets at any of these following Hillsborough County shelter locations:

- Sickl

Sickles High School in Tampa
Bartels Middle School in Tampa
Burnett Middle School in Seffner
The Hollywood Reservation uses the Broward Humane Society for its pet sheltering needs. pre-register fribal or community member would like to pre-register shelter they can call Seminole Animal Wildlife Services at 239-503-4160. For more information, call the Tribe's Environ-
mental Health Building at 954-965-1300 or the Seminole Health Department at 954-962-2009, ext. 10325.

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a range, although their message is the same as NO AA's. They predict that there wirlude 10 named storms that include 10 hurricanes. (Of the 10 hurricanes, five
are expected to be major (Categories 3,4 or 5 with winds of at least 111 mph ).
So why do the experts feel that this hurricane season will be especially active? Basically, there are three main reasons: (1) El Niño in the eastern Pacific,
which can suppress hurricane development in the Atlantic, is gone. (2) Several areas of the Atlantic are warmer than usual for this time of year, and warm water is a main ingredient for tropical storms and hurricanes. (3) Unfortunately, we're still in a period of increased Atlantic storm activity that began in 1995. Eight of the last 15 Atlantic hurricane seasons rank
in the top ten for the most named storms; 2005 is the current record holder with 28 . In view of these predictions, the Department of
Emergency Management urges all Seminole Tribe employees and members to prepare now for the possimity of severe wer mor

Develop a Family Emergency Plan.
Evaluate the condition of your home and decide if it will be best to evacuate if severe weather threatens. The National Weather Service recently increased
the notification times for watches and warnings to give officials and residents more time to prepare Now, when a hurricane watch is issued, it means that hurricane conditions are expected to arrive within 48 hours. When a hurricane warning is issued, sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours. If you and your ramily decide not to evacuate, Iocate a safe room or the safest area in the home where
you can go during a storm.
If possible, staying in your home during severe weather is the best choice. If you decide to evacuate, the next best option is to go to the safe home of a family member or friend. A third option is to plan on going to the nearest emergency shelter that is located
either at your reservation or within the county where

## HEALTH

## From page 9A

 Throughout hurricane season the SeminoleHealth Department teams up with the Seminole Emergency Management and makes themselves read
ily available to community members at all times. ily available to community members at all times.
"Our whole clinic staff stays," Boling said. "


Stock a Home Emergency Supplies Kit. Include nonperishable foods, water, a flashlight nd/or a portable digital TV and a NOA pobe radio Radio. Remember to include items for infants, those with special dietetic needs, and pets. (Pets are not alwith special dietenc needs, and pets. (Pets are not auplies to last for up to 72 hours. For water, one gallon per person per day is recommended, which can be
adjusted based upon individual need.

Preregister those with special needs. The Health Department has a Preregistration
m for Tribal members with current medical conditions who wish to apply for Special Needs sheltering uring a storm. The forms are reviewed on a case the person in the Special Needs Shelter. Currently, the the person in the Special Needs Shelter. Currently, the
Special Needs Shelter is the Hard Rock Hotel in Hollywood or Tampa, depending on the projected path of the storm.
The Department of Emergency Management stands ready to safeguard all Tribal communities
should severe weather threaten this hurricane season by providing advance notifications to all governmental and department officials. The Department will also coordinate with Police and Fire/Rescue in communicating emergency information and guidance to he communities and to assist with any emergency ctions that are necessary.
rn out to be an active one, early preparation may collectively and individually is the key to successfully surviving and recovering from a storm.
Additional information on preparing for hurricanes and other hazards can be found in the 2010
All Hazards Guide that will be available throughout the year at all reservations. The Guide will also be posted, along with other valuable information, at the Department of Emergency Management website at http://www.stofemd.com/. To report emergencies or or information on severe weather that affects us, call the Department of Emergency Management anytime
at 1-800-617-7514.
have the EOC [Emergency Operation Center] here in Brighton and one in Hollywood at the Hollywood linic. So we are in constant communication if people are calling in; then they are going to be able to be
updated anytime during the storm." When preparing for a hurrican tant thing is not to wait until the last minute.

For more information on how to prepare medically for a storm, call your local health departments or call the Emergency ManageHollywood - 954-962-2009 Big Cypress - 863-983-5151 Brighton - 863-763-0271 Immokalee - 239-867-3400 Tampa - 813-620-2860
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## 2009-2010 SEMINOLE TRIBE INDIAN 4-H SHOW AND SALE PARTICIPANTS

## 2010-2011 4-H Schedule

The Seminole Indian 4-H is proud Show off our 4 -H members from the 200 ing year and we look forward to a record breaking participation in 2011. We have included pictures of our 2009-

2010 members whom participated at the Seminole Tribe Indian $4-\mathrm{H}$ show and sale.

It is getting close to cattle shipping which
means it will be time to pick our steer proj-$4-\mathrm{H}$ deadline to be enrolled is October 31, 2010. Included below is some quick information that we would like to share with you. This is a great opportunity fo
our youth so please consider 4-H in your upour youth so p
coming plans.

5-7 years old - Small Animal Club

8 years old - Hog project
9 years old - Steer Project if Hog was first project at age 8 years old

10 years old - Steer project or Hog Cattle Shipping for Brighton are July
$\underset{\text { 12th }-17 \text { th }}{\text { Cattle shipping Big Cypress July }}$
Seminole Indian 4-H Director: Polly
Hayes
Hollywood Reservation 4-H Lead
Michele Osceola
Big Cypress 4-H Leaders: Crystal

4-H Leader: Melonie Hamlett
, Donnie Hayes, Agent: Michael Bond

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##  Education

## BY JUDY WEEKS <br> Freelance Re <br> IMMOKALEE - Family and friends of the Im 10:30 ampee Seminole Preschoolers gathered at the Gym exercises. The auditorium decorations used primary colors to create a festive staging area, balloon columns and age-appropriate center pieces. The Wind Clan's Brandon Posada, son of Mario and Lorraine Posada, and Panther Clan's Amara Martiez, daughter of Rick Martinez and Crystal Bilie, made powns accented with patchwork in the Tribal cops and red, yellow, black and white, the two young students marched down the aisle and took their places in the taging area. <br> Tribal elder Bobby Billie offered the invocation and then talked about the significance of introducing the children at an early age to their cultural background and native language. The graduates then offered a perfect example of cultural awareness by reciting the Pledge o Allegiance and Manteele in Mikasuki under the supervision of their culture teacher, Amy Clay. how presentation depicting the precious meen slid he lives of the young graduates. Beginning with thei first photographs after birth, the viewers watched them taking their first steps, birthday parties, pets, nap times, play dates and school activities.

2010 Preschoolers Graduate in Immokalee

Laughter and applause filled the room as Amar
Martinez and Brandon Posada were joined by thei
schoolmates, Shaniah Correa, Makayla Mata and An schoolmates, Shaniah Correa, Makayla Mata and An gelo Colon, Jr
Dressed like green speckled frogs, they perched on
a $\log$ and then jumped one at a time into a pool after singing individual verses of their favorite song. Immokalee Preschool Site Manager Michelle Ford read the poem "Whose Child Is This?" Teacher Frances
Fregoso followed with a short biographic presentation Fregoso followed with a short biographic presentation
of the graduates denoting their personalities, special of the graduates denoting their personalities, special
skills, favorite colors and career ambitions. Parent Involvement Coordinator Dawna B
joined Ford in awarding the graduation "I enjoy working with preschoolers becaus are full of energy, challenging and inquisitive," said ed out Safety Certificates. "They are very impressioned out Safety Certificates. "They are very impression-
able at this age with an open mind for learning. Their response to safety training is amazing."

Congratulating their students on a job well done, teachers Castro and Fregoso joined Michelle Ford in distributing awards in the form of book bags and kin-
dergarten school supplies. Fregoso said, "We have endergarten school supplies. Fregoso said, "We have enjoyed the journey as we watched you grow and you will
always be special to us. You are both determined, hard workers with your feet planted soundly on the road to A congratulatory buffet and cake completed the
A commencement celebration. A congratulatory buffet
ommencement celebration.


Above photo, 2010 Immokalee Preschool graduates Brandon Posada and Amara Martinez are ready to cut their cake at
the commencement celebration. Right, Brandon and Amara.

hacikee preschool student Madasyn Osceola, 3, left, gets evaluated Teacher Mrs. Jill Grismore, right, on her motor skills.


Ahfachkee School Rounds Up Readiness Testing for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Students


Ahfachkee School Nurse Miss Danielle McCall administers a hearing test to preschool student Dyami Koenes, 4.


## Pemayetv Emahakv Spelling Bees Helps Preserve Language

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BRIGHTON - Pemayetv Emahakv
Charter School's Culture Department added a little bit of fun to their lessons by holding school-wide teacher, parent and student instill the Seminole culture and language into instill the Seminole culture and language into
the community.
Teachers and parents showed off their

Teachers and parents showed off their
Creek language skills May 11, with the students competing May 17 in the Charter School cafeteria. Teacher Heather Dobbs
took the first place trophy home for the sectook the first place trophy home for the sec-
ond year in a row, while Laverne Thomas claimed the parent's trophy. Shaun Osceola was named the student Creek Spelling Bee winner. "I thi
"I think it definitely motivates the parents, the students and the teachers to par-
ticipate in the culture aspect of the school," ticipate in the culture aspect of the school,"
culture teacher Jade Braswell said about the
 annual spelling bee.
The Creek Spelling Bee is an opportu-
nity the Charter School uses to get the entire nity the Charter School uses to get the entire school and Tribal community together to pre-
serve and learn a language that is rapidly fading away.
"I feel it's important to see if everyone's Parent Laverne Thomas, left, and teacher Heather Dobbs show off their winning spelling bee trophies. the teachers learning is pretty cool so then
they can translate and help us to teach it back they can translate and help us to teach it back
to our children." All competi
titors stood before a cafeteria


Sean Osceola gives a big cheer as Culture Department's Shelly Walker names him the Creek Spelling champ. catching on," Thomas said. "And just to see

Hollywood Christian Senior Castillo Receives Graduation Diploma


Hollywood Christian Academy senior honor roll student Talena Castim, received her graduation diploma June 4. The 18 -year-old Hollywood resident plans take some time off before attending the University of Miami to major in mathematics, with eventual plans to work for the Tribe. Castillo's family, from left, grandmother Judy
Baker, mother Susie Stubbs and stepfather Glen Stubbs.

Hollywood Preschool Students Welcome a Bright Future at Graduation Ceremony
 Jose Puente Jr. as Papa Bear and Amelia Osceola as Goldie Locks in the preschooi stage play version of "Goldie Locks and the Three Bears."


The Class of $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ Hollywood Preschool students perform on stage while telling their family and teachers about their future professional dreams as part of graduation ceremonies held at the Hollywood Headquarters
Auditorium May 26. The 17 youth included: Colton Bert, Adrian Cypress, Shilin Huggins, Isabella Josh, Jake Osceola, Suzannah Osceola, Jose Puente Jr., Melina Steve, Amelia Osceola, Antonio Billie, Tony Billie, Ashton ente Ir., Meilina Steve, Amelia Osceola, Antonio Billie, Tony Bilie, Ashton
Doctor, Moses Jumper, Jennie Osceola, Layla Petrillo, Nettie Smith and
Jack Tiger. All received diplomas and backpacks with class rings and school supplies.


## Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Awards Recipients 4TH NINE WEEKS

Kindergarten Effort Tammy Martinez
Jaytron Baker Tehya Howard Warrik Billie Reese Davis Tadan Santiago Lupe Mora-Lara Corey Jumper Jason Webber
Alanis Baker Joss Youngblood

Kindergarten Citizenship
Diego Meras
Zion Romine
Leilani Burton Kyra Toneges Kayven Emley Hannah Moss Karlyne Urbina Kalyn Hammil Jahcole Arnold Hawk Micco LaShae King Dathen Garcia Alice Osceola Jaime Smith Pherian Baker Caleb Burton Elle Thomas Caitlyn Olivarez Mariah Garner

100's Club Pherian Baker Caleb Burton Kayven Emley
Tadan Santiago
Corey Jumper Karlyne Urbina Warrik Billie Jahcole Arnold
Alanis Baker
Hawk Micco Joss Youngblood

## AR Medal Winner

Reese Davis
Elle Thomas Kayven Emley Hannah Moss Awesome Alligator Lupe Mora-Lara

Brilliant Bear
Mariah Garner
Buzzing Bee
Lupe Mora-Lara
Fantastic Frog
Pherian Baker Warrik Billie Caleb Burton Kayven Emley Karlyne Urbina Corey Jumper Jahcole Arnold
Alanis Baker Hawk Micco Joss Youngblood

Dazzling Duck
Hannah Moss Reese Davis Elle Thomas Kayven Emley

Tadan Santiago Caleb Burton

Perfect Attendance
Jahcole Arnold Tammy Martinez

Student Council
Representative
Elle Thomas
Citizenship Award for the Year - students who consistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect. Hannah Moss - Mrs. Webber's class
Diego Meras - Mrs. Duncan's class
Kalyn Hammil-Mrs. Pearce's class

First Grade Effort
Kanyon Billie
Hunter Howard
Daven Buck
Ramone Baker
Haylie Huff
Tanner Shore
Jayton Baker
Todd Pierce
Destiny Elliott
Jessie Benjamin
Jahbahn Arnold
Kiowa Garcia

First Grade Citizenship
John Beck
Alyssa Gonzalez
Jagger Gaucin
Ivory Herrera
Ruby Osceola
Ta-fv Harris
Ryanna Osceola
Caylie Huff
Jayton Baker
Kobe Jimmie
Davin Carrillo
First Grade Improvement
Morgan Yates
Shaela French
Norman Osceola
Heith Lawrence
Hyatt Pearce
Jaylen Baker
Billy Bailey
Laila Bennett
Justin Gopher
Mariah Billie

1st grade Bronze Award
(3.0-3.4) - 2nd semester

Hyatt Pearce
Laila Bennett
Mariah Billie
Justin Gopher
1st grade Silver Award (3.5-
3.9) - 2nd semester Billy Bailey Ramone Baker Heith Lawrence Jahbahn Arnold Davin Carrillo Todd Pierce Aubee Billie

Shaela French Jagger Gaucin Alyssa Gonzalez

1st grade Gold Award (4.0)

- 2nd Semester

John Beck
Tanner Shore
Haylie Huff
Ruby Osceola
Caylie Huff
Destiny Elliott
Straight A's all year John Beck
Destiny Elliott
Caylie Huff
Haylie Huff
Tanner Shore
Ruby Osceola
Citizenship Award for the Year - students who consistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect Mrs. Davis' class-Heith Lawrence
Aubee Billie-Mrs. Johns’
class
Mrs. Ringstaff's class-Jayton Baker

Student Council
Representative
Haylie Huff
Second Grade Effort
Kaleb Doctor
Dakota Micco
Malcolm Jones
Aubrey Pearce
Dante Thomas
Tucker Johns
Burgundy Pierce
Edward Gaucin
Myron Billie
Jacee Jumper
Katie Beck
Silas Madrigal
Jarrett Bert
Aleah Turtle

Kamani Smith
Mallorie Thomas
Dante Thomas
Malcolm Jones
Shyla Gopher
Nyah Davidson
Ozzy Osceola
Eecho Billie
Keira French
Waylynn Bennett
Kai Osceola
Savannah Fish
Madisyn Osceola
Jarrett Bert
Second Grade
Improvement
Kaleb Doctor
Donovan Harris
Mallorie Thomas
Luzana Venzor
Brienna Brockman
Tavis Jumper Bevyn Billie

Kai Osceola Aleah Turtle

2nd grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4) - 2nd semester

Bevyn Billie
Ozzy Osceola
Burgundy Pierce
Araya Youngblood
Myron Billie
Jarrett Bert
Malcolm Jones
Dakota Micco
Dante Thomas
Mallorie Thomas
2nd grade Silver Award
(3.5-3.9) - 2nd semester

Edward Gaucin
Tucker Johns
Silas Madrigal
Brienna Brockman
Kamani Smith
2nd grade Gold Award
(4.0) - 2nd Semester

Santiago Billie
Nyah Davidson
Shyla Gopher
Katie Beck
Savannah Fish
Aubrey Pearce

Straight A's all year
Katie Beck
Savannah Fish
Aubrey Pearce
Citizenship of the Year
Award -students who consistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect Malcolm Jones-Mrs. Ball's
class
Waylynn Bennett- Mrs.
Clement's class
Araya Youngblood-Mrs. Moss's class
Jarrett Bert-Mrs. Bond's Class

## Student Council

Representative
Ozzy Osceola
Third Grade Effort
Lance Howard
Drake Lawrence
Joseph Toneges
Keely Billie
Gage Riddle
Alicia Fudge
Andrew Fish
Satie Rico
Kano Puente
Sheldon Garcia

Third Grade Citizenship
Oscar Yates
Tyler Howard
Lucas Osceola
Keely Billie
Alicia Fudge
Satie Rico
Third Grade Bronze Award
(3.0-3.4)

Ridge Bailey
Alyke Baker
Aleina Micco Joshlynn Micco Cady Osceola

Third Grade Silver Award
(3.5-3.9)

Keely Billie
Andrew Fish
Alicia Fudge
Kano Puente
Oscar Yates
Krysta Burton
Conner Thomas
Aidan Tommie
Billy Yates
Third Grade Gold Award
Satie Rico
Raeley Matthews
Straight A's all year
Raeley Matthews
3rd Grade Creek Class
Lorene Gopher's Class Most Improved Best Writing Skills -
Effort -
Best Creek Speaker-
3rd gr Jenny Shore’s Class Most Improved -
Best Writing Skills -
Effort
Best Creek Speaker-

## 3rd gr Arts

and Crafts Class Nancy Shore's Class Most Improved Craftsmanship
Effort -
Best Creek Speaker -
3rd Grade History Class
Jade Braswell's class
Most Improved -
Effort -
Achievement -
3rd gr Student Council
Representative Raeley Matthews

Citizenship of the Year
Award- students who con-
sistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect
Aleina Micco - Mrs. Wil-
liams' class
Alicia Fudge- Mrs. Pryor’s
class

## Fourth Grade Effort

Bly Davidson
Michael Girtman
Camryn Thomas
Pernell Bert
Richard Harris
Brady Rhodes
Rudy Juarez
Sunni Bearden
Joseph Osceola
Cheyenne Fish
Dalton Cirto

Cyrus Smedley
Chloe Chalfant
Marquis Fudge
Fourth Grade Citizenship
Logan Ortiz
Morgan King
Jalynn Jones
Krystal Toneges
Elijah Billie
Camryn Thomas
Ivess Baker Brian Bishop
Easton Moss
Isaac Osceola
Layne Thomas Chloe Chalfant

Fourth Grade Bronze
Award (3.0-3.4)
Brian Bishop
Chloe Chalfant
Isaac Osceola
Pernell Bert
Bly Davidson
Michael Girtman
Fourth Grade Silver Award
(3.5-3.9)

Dyami Nelson

Ahfachkee School Celebrates End-of-Fourth-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony
$\frac{\text { BY NAAI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - With the 2009-2010 school year reaching its conclusion at the Ahfachkee School, on May 28 , the staff honored its Tribal and community stu-
dents for all their academic achievements.

Students ranging from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade received a slew of quarterly and end-of-the-year
honors at the End-of-Fourth-Nine-Weeks Awards Cerhonors at the End-of-Fourth-Nine-Weeks Awards Cer-
emony, held in the Ahfachkee School's cafeteria. The emony, held in the Ahfachkee School's cafeteria. The
students earned quarterly awards in the following catstudents earned quarterly awards in the following cat-
egories: citizenship, culture, perfect attendance, and honor roll.

Several of the Ahfachkee students even received
d-of-year medals for their marks in perfect atten dance, citizenship and honor. In addition, all students ranging from pre-kindergarten to the eighth grade renole Fire Rescue.


Ahfachkee School Second Grade Teacher Mrs. Yvonne Caldwell, center, is with second-graders Carlee Billie, left and Richard Billie Jr., right, as the two youngsters are award


Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swan shares some smile with the third and fourth grade End-Of-Year Honor Roll recipiwith th
ents
fachkee students were recognized for their writing skills as they were presented with PBS Kids Go! Writer's Contest awards by Ahfachkee School Gifted Teacher Mrs. Jill Grismore and Ahfachkee School Principal
Walter Swan. Ahfachkee School Dean of Students Pete Cade
weighed in on all the student achievements made throughout the 2009-2010 school year. "We raised the bar academically this year and our kids rose to the challenge," Cade said. "Their perse-
verance and commitment to learning were illustrated verance and commitment to learning were illustrated teachers kept the expectations high and this is proof of the students' capabilities.'
The 2009-2010 academic year ended on June 3 for
he Ahfachkee School. The next school year is slated to the Ahfachkee School. The next school year is slated to
begin on Aug. 23. begin on Aug. 23.
forward," Cade said.


Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swan is with the third graders as they received their End-Of-Year Citizenship Awards
 The pre-kindergarten students receive their End of Year Citi-

AHFACHKEE SCHOOL END-OF-FOURTH-NINE-WEEKS
(All honorees in their respective categories will be named in alphabetical order)
Councilman's Honor Roll - 3.0-3.49 Grade Point Average Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades: 1. Nicholus Andrews, 2. Cyiah Avila, 3. Athena Bert, 4. Carlee Billie, 5. Jalycia Bilie, 6. Richard Billie, 7. Talia Billie, 8. Lauren
Doctor, 9. Kylen Jumper, 10. Cale Osceola, 11. Daleen Doctor, 9 . Kylen Jumper, 10. Cale Osceola, 11. Daleen
Osceola, 12. Daylon Osceola, 13. Illiana Robbins, 14. Willie Smith; 3rd through 5th Grades: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Kevin vey, 3. Janessa Jones, 4. Dayra Koenes, 5. Evanne Pratt; th through 12th Grades: 1. Arnold Billie, 2. Jalen Cypress, 3. Alison Herrera, 4. Bradley Osceola, 5. Kaitlin Osceola, Rheannon Robbins, 10 Savannah Tiger, 11 . Starzie Varg

## President' Honor Roll - 3.5-3.99 GPA

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1 st and 2nd Grades: 1 . Spencer Aguilar, 2. Dayne Billie, 3. Lazzlow Billie, 4. Sontino Billie, 5.
Tanoke Billie, 6. Alisa Brooks, 7. Akira Cabral 8. Hermoine Tanoke Billie, 6. Alisa Brooks, 7. Akira Cabral, 8. Hermoine
Calderon, 9. Katrina Columbo, 8. Elijiah Cook, 9. Evan Cypress, 10. Harmony Cypress, 11. Ja'vian Cypress, 12 Jaylee Cypress, 13. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, 14. Kama Ivey, 15. Canaan Jumper, 16. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 17. Keithana Onco, 18. Leo Osceola-Onco, 19. Charlie Osceol 20. Dacia Osceola, 21. Miguel Reynosa, 22. Edie RobRyland, 26. Amaya Solano, 27. Xzavier Solano, 28. Kassim Rytand, 26. Amaya Solano, 27. Xzavier Solano, re. Kassim
Stockton, 29. Chyler Villarreal, 30. Maria Villarreal, 31. Jay lee Wilcox; 3rd through 5th Grades: 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Alyssa Osceola, 3. Ryanne Pratt, 4. Chynna Villarreal, 5. An nabelle Whiteshield; 6 th through 12 th Grades: 1 . Ricky Joe
Alumbaugh, 2. Chelsey Alvarado 3. LiSandra Baker, 4. Terr Alumbaugh, 2. Chelsey Alvarado, 3. LiSandra Baker, 4. Ter
Baker 5. Leauna Billie, 6. Sabre' Billie , 7 . Chloe Hendrickson, 8. O'Shaa'ne Osceola, 9. Tequesta Tiger.

## Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten: 1. Sontino Billie; 1st Grade: 1. Brandi Osceola; 2nd Grade: 1. Carlee Billie, 2. Richard Billie; 3rd 2. Annabelle Whiteshield; 5th Grade: 1. Jonah Billie, 2 . GraySun Billie; 6th Grade: 1. Chelsey Alvarado; 7th Grade:
Leauna Billie, 2 Kaitlin 0 sceola Leauna Billie, 2. Kaitlin Osceola.

END-OF YEAR AWARDS MEDAL RECIPIENTS
(Last name of students' teachers are written in bold italic Pre-K through 5th Grades 0NLY)

Citizenship
Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades Barry: 1. Tanoke Billie, 2. Alisa Brooks, 3. Xzavier Solano, 4. Kassim Stockton, 5. Maria Villarreal, 6. Jaylee Wilcox; Stoots:
Cyiah Avila, 2. Dayne Billie, 3. Akira Cabral, 4. Ja'vian Cypress, 5. Jaylee Cypress, 6. Javien Jim-Washington, 7. Keithana Onco, 8. Grace, Robbins, 9. Miguel Reynosa, 10. Andrea Ryland; Huckabee: 1. Anthony Avalos, 2. Ta
Billie, 3 . Evan Cypress, 4. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter,
$\square-$
Klammer: 1. Athena Bert, 2. Evol Buck, 3. Jaiden Jim,
Daylon Osceola, 5 . Anthony Wells; 5 . Charlie Osceola, 6 . Daleen Osceola; Caldwell: 1. Carlee Billie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Elise Brown, 4. Leilani Gopher, 5. Gregorio Reynosa, 6.
Alena Stockton, 7. Nigel Wells; Paige: 1 . Spencer Aguilar, Hermoine Calderon, 3. Eliijah Cook, 4. Ramona Jimmie, 5 Canaan Jumper, 6 . Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 7. Brandi Osceola 8. Liberty Robbins.

3rd through 5th Grades
Kittredge: 1. Eliza Billie, 2. Leslie Gopher Jr., 3. Katrina Huggins, 4. Janessa Jones, 5. Clayton Tiger Milicevic, 6.
Carlos Romero, 7. Chynna Villarreal; Tiger: 1. Thomlynn Bilie, 2. Alyssa Osceola, 3. Chaska Osceola, 4. Evanne Pratt; Schmitt: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Jazmine Billie, 3. Kevin Ivey, 4. Dayra Koenes, 5. Ryanne Pratt, 6. Celia Reynosa, 7. Stephanie Vargas, 8. Annabelle Whiteshield; Rhymes: 1
Jonah Alvarado, 2, GraySun Bille Nashoba Gonzalez.

6th through 12th Grades
6th Grade: 1. Arnold Billie; 7th Grade: 1. Leauna Billie, 2. Matthew Bluebird, 3. John Dell McInturff, 4. Rayce Noah,
Kaitlin Osceola; 8th Grade: 1 Terri Baker 2. Savannah TiKaitlin Osceola; 8th Grade: 1. Terri Baker, 2. Savannah Ti-
ger; 9 th Grade: 1 . RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Taylor Fulton, 3. ger; 9th Grade: 1. RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Taylor Fulton, 3
Alison Herrera, 4. Bradley Osceola, 5. Tequesta Tiger: 10th Grade: 1. Jalen Cypress, 2. Jonathan Robbins; 11 th Grade 1. Jon Ross Billie, 2. Ronnie Billie, 3. Rowdey Osceola.

## Perfect Attendance

***Note: No students achieved perfect attendance for the receive an award for missing only one (1) day of school ( 99.4 percent attendance).
Kindergarten: 1. Sontino Billie; 2nd Grade: 1. Richard Billie 2. Elise Brown; 4th Grade: 1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Eyanna 2. GraySun Billie.

## Honor Roll

***Note: A total of 45 Ahfachkee School students have maintained at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average during each Councilman's, President's or Chairman's Honor Roll during each of the four (4) grading periods
Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Ja'vian Cypress, 2. Grace Robbins, 3 Andrea Ryland, 4. Jaylee Wilcox; Kindergarten: 1. Athena
Bert 2. Lauren Doctor, 3. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter; 4. Charlie Osceola, 5. Daylon Osceola, 6. Edie Robbins; 1s Grade: 1. Spencer Aguilar, 2. Hermoine Calderon, 3. Katrina Columbo, 3. Elijiah Cook, 4. Harmony Cypress, 5. Kamari Ivey, 6. Canaan Jumper, 7. Hehchoo-Ye Jumper, 8. Leo Osceola-Onco, 9. Brandi Osceola, 10. Liberty Robbins, 11. Willie Smith, 12. Amaya Solano; 2nd Grade: 1. Carlee
Billie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Elise Brown; 3rd Grade: 1. Alyssa Billie, 2. Jalycia Billie, 3. Elise Brown; 3rd Grade: 1. Alyssa
Osceola, 2. Evanne Pratt, 3. Chynna Villarreal; 4th Grade: 1 . Kevin Ivey, 2. Dayra Koenes, 3. Ryanne Pratt, 4. Annabelle Whiteshield; 5th Grade: 1 . Jonah Alvarado; 6 th Grade: 1. Chelsey Alvarado, 2. Chloe Hendrickson; 7th Grade: 1 . Sabre' Billie, 2. Kaitlin Osceola; 8th Grade: 1. Terri Baker;
9th Grade: 1. Taylor Pratt, 2. Tequesta Tiger; 10th Grade: 9th Grade: 1. Taylor Pratt, 2. Tequesta Tiger; 10th Grade:
Cooper Rivers, 2. Jonathan Robbins.

## Students Show Off Seminole Knowledge at Culture Open House


#### Abstract

BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter BRIGHTON - The students of Pemayetv Emahakv got a chance to show off their year of hard work and growing knowledge of their Seminole culture during a Culture Open House held at the school. The annual Culture Open House put on by the Culture Department was June 4 and was open to parCulture Department was June 4 and was open to par- ents, family and community members. During the open house, guests visited each culture room seeing first hand what the children have been working on throughout the




Jalynn Jone
ture class.
"It's important that the parents get an idea of the accomplishments that the students have done all year
long," culture history teacher Jade Braswell said. Parents met the Creek teachers and then passed through the arts and crafts room where shadow boxes of beaded jewelry and patchwork made by the students were on display. A slideshow with pictures of the stu-
dents on various culture field trips played in the backdents on various culture field trips played in the backAfter touring the classrooms the parents and guests After touring the classrooms the parents and guests
made their way outside to see the hard work the students have put into a new project the history class
started this year, the cultural education garstarted this year, the cultural education gar-
den. For the first time students planted seeds den. For the first time students planted seeds
and grew fresh vegetables that were used and grew fresh vegetables that were used
in the preparation of some of their school in the preparation of some of their school
lunches. Students were also able to bring some plants home to begin their own garden at home with their parents.
"We're trying to "We're trying to get the parents involved
as much as we can," Braswell said, "that way as much as we can," Braswell said, "that way
their child can tell them exactly what they've their child can tell them exactly,
done throughout the entire year."
Also on display outdoors was another
new curriculum added this year. The male students showed off their wood carving of hatchets and tomahawks that they carved and
hand painted. hand painted.
community the opportunity to see just how much Seminole culture the students are learning and retaining at the Charter School. "Everything that they're doing now is all positive," Charter School parent Larry Ho
ard said. "They're learning their culture."


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## Naples Hosts Out of School Splash Bash

## BY JUDY WEEKS

NAPLES - School's out and the entire Naples Community celebrated. From grandparents to toddlers, party in the Out of School Splash Bash on May 11. Assembling in the park's exhibition hall at 9 a the group took part in a healthy breakfast of fresh fruit, juices, bagels, muffins and fiber rich treats.
Traditional Arts Snecialist Jessica

Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola led the assembly in a short warm up exercise session. Donning
their Juanita Osceola Community Center T-shirts, they their Juanita Osceola Community Center T-shirts, the
departed for a two-mile walk on the trails and boardwalk that surround the lake and small ecological park. A luncheon buffet awaited their return to the exhibition hall, where they relaxed and talked about upcoming events, individual summer vacations and the Education Incentive Awards that will take place during the com-
munity trip to Tennessee in July. The students were conmunity trip to Tennessee in July. The students were con-
gratulated on having completed another fantastic year of school with numerous outstanding achievements.

Community Outreach Specialist Sandy Osceola ad-
ressed the important issues of safety while participatdressed the important issues of safety while partucipatmidity is extremely high this time of the year," she said. It is extremely important to drink plenty of water, dress properly and don't forget your sunscreen. When taking "Don't go into the water alone! Always make sure that you have a lifeguard or adult supervision and employ the buddy system. The best swimmer in the world can suddenly develop a cramp, swallow too much waer or become entangled in flaating objects," continued
Osceola. "This water park is a safe environment, but you must remain alert when swimming at the beach or in fresh water lakes. Remember, sharks and alligators like to eat too."
A table laden with water sports toys created a big stir with the younger generation as they prepared to en-
ter the water park for an afternoon filled with fun, and water-related activities. There was something for all ages and the afternoon flew by quickly as they played in the pools and lounged in the sun.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Honors Teacher and Staff at Appreciation Banquet



Teacher of the Year Melody Webber and Non-Instructional Employee of the Year Harry Tewksbury, center, were honored at and Staff Appreciation Banquet and Staff Appreciation Banq
held May 6 at the Brigton Vet
ans' Building. Rachel Buxton

Joshua Madriga
Sean Osceola Samuel Osceola Shae Pierce Jaden Puente Dylan Sheffield Crysten Smith Trevor Thomas

## Fifth Grade Citizenship

Jermaine Bennett
Bethany Billie Martina Herrera Diamond Shore
Crysten Smith
Bailey Tedders
Fifth Grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4)

Ruben Burgess
Deliah Carrillo
Demetrius Clark Robert Fudge Samuel Osceola
Shae Pierce
Dylan Sheffield
Crysten Smith
Fifth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9)

Jermaine Bennett Raylon Eagle Erik Garcia Alexus James Odessa King Joshua Madrigal Sean Osceola Diamond Shore Bailey Tedders

Fifth Grade Gold Award (Straight A's - 4.0)
Andrew Dobbs Jaden Puente Trevor Thomas

## Fifth Gr Straight

A's All Year
Andrew Dobbs
Jaden Puente
Trevor Thomas
5th Gr. Perfect Attendance Jaden Puente

5th Gr Student CouncilTrevor Thomas

Citizenship Award for the Year- students who consistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect

## Trevor Thomas- Mrs. Dobbs

 classCrysten Smith- Mrs. Finney's class

## Safety Patrol

Sgt. Erik Garcia Sgt. Diamond Shore Ofc. Andrew Dobbs Sgt. Trevor Thomas Sgt. Sean Osceola Sgt. Jaden Puente Ofc. Crysten Smith

President's Education Awards
Outstanding Academic Achievement (3.0-3.4) Raylon Eagle Ruben Burgess Crysten Smith Joshua Madrigal Diamond Shore Dylan Sheffield Odessa King Martina Herrera Alexus James Shae Pierce Robert Fudge

Outstanding Academic Excellence (3.5-4.0)
Jaden Puente*

## Melody Webber Receives Top Honor as Teacher of the Year

## Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON - Pemayetv Emahakv kindergarten teacher Melody Webber was at a teaching conference in Jason informing her that she had made it into the top three for Teacher of the Year. On Nov. 20, at a school staff meeting, Webber was named Pemayetv Emahakv's Teacher of the Year.
"I was like, 'Are you kidding me?"" Webber said. originally from Imlay City, Mich., and attended Western Michigan where she received a degree in Early Education.
"I knew I wanted to be a teacher since the first
grade," Webber said. "I started a notebook and wrote grade," Webber said. "I started a notebook and wrote I would do in my classroom and then I would write stuff I didn't like." Woved to Florida in 2004 only to return to Webber moved to Florida in 2004 only to return to
Michigan a year later where she met her husband. They returned to Okeechobee, where they currently reside with their two sons Jason Jr. and Jessie. opening in 2007 and said she wouldn't change it fo opening in 2007 and said she wouldn't change it for else.
"It's awesome," Webber said. "I told Mr. Brown r'm going to die here. Coming to work isn't a chore for Webber isn't your typical kindergarten teacher. She holds high expectations for her students. So much that she took the initiative and started a new program for the kindergarten classes at Pemayetv Emahakv called she created Club. The Hundreds Club is a program she created where students must learn all their letters, each one of her students make it into the Hundreds Club by the end of the year. Webber's creation was a success and she reached her goal.

A lot of people think all you do in kindergarten is their numbers said. "We play to learn. My kids know they don't even know they're learning." Webber said it is an extreme honor to be Teacher of recognized her foe is extremely grateful that her peers with her sayin for her hard work. Her husband jokes webber saying the title has given her a big head, but Webber said it hasn't changed anything.
"I'm just going to continue to do my best every-
y," Webber said. "I couldn't imagine being anywhere


Melody Webber, front center, is all smiles with what she calls "the best class ever."


Trevor Thomas Sean Osceola Bailey Tedders Erik Garcia Andrew Dobbs

* Top grade point average

Sixth Grade Effort
Spawn Loudermilk Zachary Hudson Kailin Brown Michael Garcia Jaron Johns Brydgett Koontz Drakar Smith Rumor Juarez Chastity Harmon Sixth Grade Citizenship Michael Garcia Jaron Johns
Drakar Smith
Rumor Juarez
Sixth Grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4)

Zeke Matthews
Thomas Bearden Keyana Nelson Donovan Osceola Lahna Sedatol

Sixth Grade Silver Award
(3.5-3.9)

Boyd Brown Michael Garcia Jaron Johns Melany Williams Drakar Smith Rumor Juarez

Sixth Grade Gold Award (Straight A's - 4.0) Zachary Hudson Kailin Brown

Sixth Gr Straight A's All Year Zachary Hudson

6th Gr Student CouncilZachary Hudson Michael Garcia-Chairman

## Perfect Attendance

Jaron Johns
Keyana Nelson Brydgett Koontz

Citizenship Award for the Year- students who consistently are ready to help others, always play fair, and treat everyone with respect Michael Garcia- Mrs. Hudson's class

Rumor Juarez- Mrs. Wells class

## Safety Patrol

Cpt. Michael Garcia Sgt. Boyd Brown Cpt. Kailin Brown Lt. Melany Williams Sgt. Jaron Johns

## President's Education

## Awards

Outstanding Academic Achievement (3.0-3.4) Keyana Nelson Michael Garcia Jaron Johns Elizabeth Johns

Outstanding Academic Excellence (3.5-4.0) Rumor Juarez Zeke Matthews Donovan Osceola Boyd Brown Kailin Brown Melany Williams Zachary Hudson*

* Top grade point average


## Big Cypress Library Entertains Tribal Youngsters in Origami Week

 Tribal youth Troy Cantu, leff,
and Jared Mclyturft, right, are making origami paper
ducks in a workshop hosted ducks in a workshop hosted
by the Big Cypress Library by the Big Cypress Library
on May 25. According to Big Cypress Library Curator Gretchen DeBree origami is
a traditional Japanese art a traditional Japanese art
form, which is generally form, which is generally
described as uncut sheets of paper that's made into decorative objects such as
birds and animals. Debree birds and animals. Debree:
"Origami has always been "Origami has always been
popular with our kids. They popular wi
loved it."


The Big Cypress Library Staff celebrate the creation of their Japanese origami creations, as they take one last look at What they've done on June 9. Library Director Barbara Oeffner, second from left, holds up an Origami Japanese Tea Aides Vanessa Billie, left, and Melissa Silva, along with Library Curator Gretchen Debree, right.


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##  Health



Brighton Sets Attendance Record at Rabies Clinic

ndance Record at Rabies Clinic

Lanier also installed microchips in
Tribal citizens' pets to track their pets if they $\begin{array}{r}\text { The Seminole Health Department en- } \\ \text { courages all Tribal citizens to register their }\end{array}$ ever go missing. The microchip was free to animals with the Seminole Tribe Health
Tribal citizens but a cost will be incurred to
Department by contacting them at $954-965$ register their animals online with the micro- 1300, ext. 10326.


## Big Cypress Brings Out Be The Wall Campaign

$\frac{\text { BY NAII TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

arents within the family," Mullins said. You can be the wall of protection for your
children or a broken bridge to abuse."
Sponsored by the Florida Office of Drug Control and the Florida Department of Children and Families, the statewide-funded campaign is aimed to reduce underage drink-
ing, which could thereby reduce the risks ing, which could thereby reduce the risks
of criminal activity and increase academic achievement for the youth in question.
For more information, call Crissie Carter at 863-902-3200 ext. 13418 or visit w bethewall.org.
Look for
The Wall campaign in future editions of The Seminole Tribune.


Cypress Development Team members Clea Billie Herrera left, Fred Mullins, center, and Noeella Dyan O'Donnell are way of the Family Investment Center on June $1-$ the day of the campaign's "soft launch".

## Make Healthy Choices to Keep Yourself Safe Throughout the Summer Days

| BY PATRICK PECK |  |  |
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## - Wear lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothes

- Avoid alco

Each year, there
folks being stung or bitten by incidences of of these are from bees, wasps, red ants o spider bites. Additionally, every summer there are published reports on cases of West Nile Virus or Lyme disease. People who ing infected by either. Both ous risk of be the disease have been reported in most parts of the United States. We are providing this nformation for your knowledge and protec has implemented a tribal wide mosquito control program to minimize such incidenc es on the reservations
What to do if a person is stung by sting

1. Have someone stay with the victim to be sure that the victim does not have an allergic reaction.
2. Wash the site with soap and water.
3. The stinger can be removed using
4. The stinger can be removed using
four-by-four gauze wipe over the area. Nev-

this will cause more venom to be released.
5. Apply ice to reduce swelling.
6. Do not scratch the sting.
Reducing the Risk of Being Stun
7. Avoid perfumed soaps, shampoos, deodorants. Don't wear cologne or perfumes. Avoid bananas and banana-scented toiletries.
and bathe daily. 4. Cover the body as much as possible. 5. Avoid flowering plants 6. During the summer, check for new
nests during the warmer hours of the day. Bees are very active during this period 7. Keep areas clean. Social wasps thr 8. If a single stinging insect is flying
round, remain still or lie face down on the ground. ${ }_{9}$.If attacked by several stinging insects the same time, run to get away from them.
release a chemical when they sting. This lerts other bees. More bees often follow.
10 . If a bee comes inside your vehicle, stop the car slowly, and open all the win-

The above information will prove use ful in keeping you out of harm's way. Have For more information, please call the 954-e Tribe Environmental Health office 954-962-2009, ext. 10325

## Shy's Team Walks for Cystic Fibrosis

 15 Foams participating in the Cystic Fi15 teams participating in the Cystic Fi-brosis Walk at Lakes Regional Park on May 15, Shy's Team turned in the most donations for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fundraiser. Participation in this
year's walk reached an all time high with year's walk reached an all time high with
support from Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Hendry Counties.
Shy's Team of Immokalee communimembers, family and friends officially organized five years ago in support of
Seminole Tribal descendant Shyanna MaSeminole Tribal descendant Shyanna Ma-
rie Escobar, who joins thousands of other patients fighting a daily battle with Cystic patients fighting a daily battle with Cystic tory problems since birth, Shyan
diagnosed in December of 2003 . Following several near-fatal episodes and lengthy trips to the hospital, Shyanna
continues the long, hard uphill climb to achieve a lifestyle that most of us take for granted. This strong willed, determined 8 -year-old attends public school and participates in community activities despite a permanent feeding port that delivers nu-
trients, antibiotics and medications. Her trients, antibiotics and medications. Her
winning personality and generosity are an inspiration to others.
can't' any greets every day with a smile," said Immokalee Health and Nutritionist
Charlotte Porcaro. "She represents God's miracles as she leads her team in


Foreground, Shyanna Escobar inspires members of Shy's Team, Noemi Escobar, Becky Martinez, Charlotte Porcaro and Jennifer Gamez to walk in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Founda

Anxiety Disorders, More Than Just Nerves

BY ERIC BRICKER

## SD Prevention Administrator

rience, and in a normal part of the human expehealth care professionals.
in his book, "The Meaning of Anity", famed existential writer Rollo May points out
that a small amount of anxiety is actually tial to healthy human functioning because it motivates people to get things done. An individual might be more inclined to complete his taxes
on time just for the sake of relieving the sense on time just for the sake of relieving the sense
of worry that comes with uncompleted imporof worry that comes with uncompleted impor-
tant tasks. However, there exists an unclear line tant tasks. However, there exists an unclear tealthy sense of anxiety gives way to a crippling obsessive worry that turss the anxiety
sufferer's world into a wilderness of horrors. sufferer's world into a wilderness of horrors.
According to the U.S. Department of According to the U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse
and Mental Health Services Administration, anxiety disorder sufferers may experience the following:
Chronic, exaggerated worry, tension, and irritability that appear to have no cause or are more intense than the situation warrants.
-Physical signs, such as restlessness, trouble falling or staying asleep, headaches, trembling,
twitching, muscle tension, or sweating, often accompany these psychological symptoms. Some individuals experience anxiety with
panic attacks which are described as "a whitepanic attacks which are described as "a white-
knuckled, heart-pounding terror that strikes knuckled, heart-pounding terror that strikes
suddenly and without warning." The panic exsuddenly and without warning." The panic ex-
perience may include variations of the following symptoms: pounding heart, chest pains,
lightheadedness or dizziness, nausea, shortness
dying, sweating, feelings of unreality, numbness
or tingling, hot flashes or chills, and a feeling of going out of control or going crazy.
Other individuals experience phobias, which are generally described as anxiety attacks that are triggered by certain conditions in their environment. Examples of more common phoin spaces, or arachnophobia which is the fear of in spaces, or arachnophobia which is the fear of these types of anxiety disorders is that they will
obsess about their own anxiety which causes obsess about their own anxiety which causes
them to live in constant fear even when the thing them to live in constant fear even when the thing
that are afraid of is not present.
 either psychotherapy (counseling) or psychotropic medications.
In many cases, both psychotherapy and medication are thought to be more effective Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, proper treatment helps 70 to 90 percent of people with panic disorder, usually within six to eight weeks. So, the point is that we do not need to continue suffering if we are willing to take the first step and accept help. ices Department offers treatment or referrals for the treatment of anxiety.

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## Announcements

## BIRTHDAYS



Cassandra,
You will always be my beautiful baby girl. N , mother could ever be prouder of their child than I have
always been of you. As I watched you graduate froe high school, your life passed before my eyes. I have enjoyed your laughter, picked you up when you have
fallen, wiped your tears, supported you in athletics, shared your successes and am honored to call you my daughter.
in our hearts as y, we all love you and will carry you new future,

Mom, Mark, Alexis, Destinee, Jon, Jaylee and A


Ja'Kailee's Graduation On Tuesday, June 1, at Holly-
ood Christian School my granddaughter graduated from Kindergarten. She will be starting 1st grade next
year and she is very happy about it. year and she is very happy about it.
The ceremony started at 7 p.in with all of the kindergarten
singing some beautiful songs. Then came the big moment they were all called one by one to re-
ceive their diplomas. I was so proud, ceive their diplomas. I was so proud,
as was her mother, LaToyia Stewart.
All of of Ja'Kailee's family were there to be part of her special evening Love you always,
Grandma Nettie


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Chace Ollie Micco Happy
2010. We love you very much and you have brough nothing but joy into our lives.

Mom, Dad, and big sister Baylee

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Big Cypress Reservation will be having its Summer Enrichment Program from June 21-July
16. The sessions will be held from Mondays through Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The Summer Program is sponsored by the Big Cypress Learning Resource, Culture and Library
dule of notable events
July 1 - Field trip to the Clewiston Library; Book character Horrid Henry, the star of the chil-
dren's book "Horrid Henry and Me" will accompany dren's book "Horrid Henry and Me" will accompany
the Tribal and community youth on the Clewiston

## July 4-8: Fossil Week

July 6: Fossilist/Author Mark Renz will visit th Big Cypress Library at 2 p.m. for a talk on fossils.
July 16: Sponsored by the Big Cypress Library and Recreation Departmens, He Surmer Enrich-

Country Safari in Loxahatchee. For more information, contact Big Cypress
Library Director Barbara Oeffner at 863-902-3200


Kaley,
I cannot believe you are 4 years old a ready. It seems like yes
terday when I first hel you in my arms at $1: 4$ p.m. June 1, 2006. You have graduated from th Big Cypress Preschoo
and will now be moving and will now be moving
on to Pre-Kindergarten on to Pre-Kindergarten
I will always be here to support and love you.
Happy Birthday Kaley

Love,
Daddy


## Passport Outreach - A Success

BY NERY MEICANO

A May 3, Me Miami Pa
came to the Hollywood office as part of their outreac program. This is the second time that this valuable ser-
vice has been offered on site to Tribal members and their vice has been offered on site to Tribal members and their
families.
Since June 1, 2009, all U.S. citizens are required
Since June 1, 2009, all U.S. citizens are required
to have either a passport book or a passport card in or to have either a passport book or a passport card in or
der to travel out of the United States. Prior to that date travelers to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean could
travel using a Voters Registration Card or their Birth travel using a Voters Registration Card or their Birth
Certificate. Certificate. In the last two years, about 225 Tribal members have obtained their passports through the Miami Passhave obtained wheir passports through tre Miami Pass-
port Agency, whose staff has made extraordinary efforts
to understand the particular needs of Tribal members

Tribal members and their immediate family wish-
ing to obtain or renew their passports can do it on their ing to obtain or renew their passports can do it on their
own with proper documentation. Many U.S. Offices do to understand the particular needs of Tribal members
and their families. In the past Tribal elders and others, take applications. The forms can be obtained at the Post gov/passport/passport_1738.html it takes between three little longer during the summer months) this process (a little longer during the summer months).
In case of immediate travel needs (trav weeks), Tribal members can obtain an appointment with the Miami Passport Agency by calling 1-877-487-2778. To be able to obtain the appointment, an itinerary and a plane ticket have to be shown to the Miami Passport
Agency staff, without a ticket, a passport application Agency staff, without and their families. In the past, Tribal elders and
who lacked a state birth certificate or could not prove their citizenship through the "normal" doc-
uments, were denied the privilege and the richt uments, were denied the privilege and the right
extended to Americans to obtain a U.S. Passport. Through the efforts of the staff of the Big Cypress Tribal Council, the U.S. Department of State was contacted regarding the issues being faced by the
Seminole Tribal members. An appointment was Seminole Tribal members. An appointment was
made with the Miami Passport Agency staff to made with the Miami Passport Agibe.
explain the specific needs of the Tribe
explain the specific needs of the Tribe.
The staff of the Miami Passport agency ar-
ranged for their staff to come to the Hollywood ranged for their staff to come to the Hollywood office August, 2008. At that time, and after satis-
fying the requisites of the State Department, 75 fying the requisites of the State Department, passports were issued to Tribal members. Sinc
then, we have been able to assist many of the ders whose documentation was not accepted during their application for a U U. passport


From left nandez and Neyra Ceballos - picture of staff of the Passport Agenc in Miami that hosted the Passport Outreach Event at the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Hollywood office May 3, 2010

LETTERS

To: Mayra H. Harjo
Remember I told you that there will be some that mean us no good? Now you have an understanding of what I was meaning.
Misery loves company, jealous ones will and they will test your inner strength My beautiful lady, continue to trength negativity into a positive. You are greate than that, you are classier than that, with style supreme to that. Do not let yourself be discouraged by anything. I have your back, your side and your front. We stand together, we walk together, we smile together and w in me. Ilive I ride and I will die for you my beautiful lady. You have my dedication and loyalty. United we can, for eternity.
Ah Cha Poo Te Chach Koo Wah, Ah H Ya Ke.

Warrior 4 life,


With unconditional love for you my With uncon

## Ike T. Harjo

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## Sports

## Big Cypress Recreation Holds Grand Opening of Disc Golf Indigo Park


#### Abstract

Staff Reporter BIG CYPRESS - Big Cypress Rec reation Department Assistant Director Stan Frischman has envisioned a disc golf facility at the Big Cypress Reservation for the past several years. His dream came into full fruition on May 15, with the reservation having its grand opening ceremony for the Dis Golf Indigo Park, located near the Big Cy press Campground area. According to Frischman, the grand opening event was primarily geared toward According to Frischman, the grand opening event was primarily geared toward the formal introduction of the formal introduction of disc golf to the




Bill Bevenue flings a Frisbee on his second shot the Indigo Disc Golf Park's third hole.


Big Cypress Recreation employee Brenda Castro enjoys

Springs Recreation Center, when it opened
in 1996. A former Lee County parks and
recreation department employee. Frischman recreation department employee, Frischman construction and opening of the Bay Oaks

Last summer Frischman introduced nole Youth Camp at Climp Kalt at the SemiSprings, Fla., where 100 of the Tribe's
youngsters had a chata "It just gachance to play the game. "It just goes to show the variety of introduce and offer to all of our Tribal memdisc golf course that Frischma disc golf course that Frischman
has had a hand in launching. According to Frischman, the Disc
Golf Indigo Park is the first of its Golf Indigo Park is the first of its
kind on Tribal land in the state. kind on Tribal land in the state
The new course was The new course was pri-
marily designed by Frischman and pro disc golfer Gregg Hos-
feld, who was unable to attend feld, who was unable to attend
the grand opening ceremony. Frischman said it took both he
and Hosfeld about a year to com and Hosfeld about a year to com-
plete the park's construction. plete the park's construction.
The Indigo Disc Golf Course, according to Frischman, consists of nine holes - six par 3 s and three par 4s. For the par
3 holes, the average distance is 3 holes, the average distance is
approximately 300 feet. Each approximately 300 feet. Each
of the nine holes begins with a drive from a designated tee area
and ends and ends with a putt into an el-
evated basket, which represents
the disc golf hole The visionary hopes disc
golf enthusiasts will make a stop golf enthusiasts will make a stop
here in his quest to raise aware-

ily Services Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins lay Oeft, Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church Pastor Arlen J. Payne was awestruck by opening of the Big Cypress Reservation's Indigo Disc Golf Park on May 15. Disc Golf Indigo Park had to offer. With palm trees, oak trees, $\begin{aligned} & \text { there, but I didn't let it stop me from play-" Washington said. "I acquired some new }\end{aligned}$ palmettos, pine flats, cypress sloughs and ways to throw a Frisbee. For one, I used to cypress mulch encompassing much of the just throw it regular. But I found out there's park's landscape, Mullins noted that aside a cl] showed me how to put one finger unfrom the chirping blue jays, cardinals and gerneath the Frisbee three fingers on top of ment. "It's like God's backyard," Mullins $\begin{gathered}\text { Osceola weighed in on the vibe that }\end{gathered}$
said. "This is the perfect environment for transpired throughout the sunny, hot and husribal family members and youth to connnt mid day at the disc golf park. with each other in a sentting of natural beauty, "It was just fun overall," Osceola said It's just breathtaking." Big Cypress Recreation employee Ryan All of the guys out here showed they enWashington, who teed up with Big Cypress joyed the sport. We all just had a great time enue, along with Osceola Pizza's employe The Big Cypress Reservation's Indigo Kimberly Royal and fellow Recreation col- Disc Golf Park is listed in the directory of league Chris Hulbutta, said he and his group $\begin{aligned} & \text { the Professional Disc Golf Association. For } \\ & \text { more information, call Stan Frischman at } \\ & \text { enjoyed the whole experience. }\end{aligned}$ "Sol "Some mosquitoes bit me here and 863-983-9659 or visit www.pdga.com.

## Double 'J' Ranch Wins Rodeo Competition

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - Six working ranch teams comevening of June 5 with stiff competition in all events. Top honors went to the winning team of Big Cy press' Double "J" Ranch comprised of Josh Jumper,
Ahnie Jumper, Joe Hipp, Dustin Lowman, Biscuit Hipp Ahnie Jumper, Joe Hipp, Dustin Lowman, Biscuit Hipp
and Ponch Castro. Their competition included Immo kalee Seminole Ranch, Need More Ranch, Doc Shew maker Team, Bronson and Murphy Ranches. Scores moved Need More Ranch into second place. "Ranch rodeos are a great way to preserve our na-
tive Florida history," said local announcer Al Curry "Since cattle were first introduced to North America by way of the Florida peninsula nearly 500 years ago, by way of the Florida peninsula nearly 500 years ago,
they have played an important role in its history. The


Riders for the Big Cypress Double "J" Ranch racke
place win at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo.


Hollywood Hosts Spring Classic Youth Basketball Tournament


The 17-and-under girls champs Rez Chix wihy
their first place trophy.
From left, Darlah Cypress. From lest, Darach Crypress,
Charlie Osceola, Alison Charlie Osceola, Alison
Herrera, Terri Baker and Herrera, Terri Baker and
Annie Osceola. The group won the championship in a
three-game series over The three-game series over The
Ones as part of the annual Ones as part of the annual
"All Indian" Spring Clas"All Indian" Spring Clas-
sic Youth Basketball Toursic Youth Basketball Tour-
nament sponsored by the
Hollywood Recreation Department at the Hollywood Recreation Gym June 5. The
tournament also crowned tournament also crowned
champions in three other categories including: 9 and under co-ed (Brighton), 13
and under co-ed (Lii) Mi and under co-ed (Lii) Mic-
cosukee) and 17 and under boys (Brighton Seminoles).
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ORE PHOTOS ON 2C

## Seminole Lightning Softball Team Completes Season Undefeated

## BC Squad Ends 13-Game Season with 17-1 Victory

## BY NAII TOBBAS

CLEWISTON CLEW
uered. The Seminole Lightning softball team (11-0) finwith Clewiston Elks 1853, as they thoroughly torched their counterparts, 17-1, in just four innings. The game The Lightning, who had two games cancelled due to inclement weather, cruised through Clewiston's softball league, defeating the Elks, Wedgeworth's Inc., Roland
Martin Marina and D \& J Machinery, all by an average
of about 12 runs per game.
The Lightning scored more than 10 runs in eight of their 11 games, averaging 13.55 runs per game. On
the pitching and defensive end, meanwhile, the softbal the pitching and defensive end, meanwhile, the softbal
team allowed more than one run per game just twice throughout the season - a combined 1.64 runs allowed average.
In other words, the Lightning scored 149 in 11 games, while allowing just 18 runs in that span.
Darlah Cypress, the Lightning's starting pitcher played a major part in the team's success. Pitching her played a major part in the team's success. Pitching her
way to two-inning gem, Darlah Cypress allowed no runs and just one hit, while notching an impressive five strikeouts in the season finale.
Seminole Lightning Head Coach Josh Jumper
praised Darlah Cypress's efforts on the mound. praised Darlah Cypress's efforts on the mound. helped this team out so much. Pitching like the way she [Darlah] has, she's shown a lot of control with her pitch locations. We've been working on her mechanics. She's progressed a lot with her pitching throughout the sea-

Darlah Cypress also shined in the batter's box, as she connected on a double and scored a run in the top of the first inning to help ignite a Lightning 4-0 lead over
the Elks. The fiery onslaught began with a leadoff walk the Elks. The fiery onslaught began with a leadoff walk

Sydnee Cypress scored off a Cle
giving the Lightning a 2-0 lead.
gely ing barrage, completing the four-run first inning The Lightning scored an astounding 13 additional uns in three more innings - seven in the second frame It proved to be a representation of how the Lightning offense performed over the course of the 13-game "Our batting has been great," Josh Jumper said, adding that the Lightning had the highest batting average of all the league teams. "We've come a long way since day one. They [the girls] have done a tremendous job." Another key to the Lightning's success has been the utpouring of Tribal, community and parental support.
"The parents have been awesome," Josh Jumper said. "I thank the parents for their dedication to bringing their children out to each game. Their support has helped the girls finish the season out."
BC First Baptist Church Pastor Bruce Pratt, whose daughter, Ryanne Pratt, played her first organized softall season on this team, offered his take on how the "Well so well. Pastor Pratt said. "They've been after it with their pracicing and it really paid off for them. They improved in all areas of the game. To see them excel this season is a showed their support." ing the parents that came out and Bill Bevenue and Naha Jumper, Josh Jumper's assistant coaches, played a role in the team's success as
well. Josh Jumper said the season ultimately turned out he way it did because "when you put God first, it's go-
"I thank God for giving me the opportunity to coach team like that," Josh Jumper said. "I thank all the coaches for helping me put together the softball team. Their dedication to sharing their knowledge with the girls helped us out tremendously. Hopefully next year,


Darlah Cypress shines as a batter in the sea scoring a run in the first inning.


Naji Tobias
Ahnie Jumper pitches the fourth inning in relief for the Seminole Lightning, as she helps pre-
serve their 17-1 win over Clewiston ELKS 1853 serve their 17-1 win over Clewiston ELKS 1853
on June 4.


Results of the Seminole Lightning's Season Schedule

All games were played in Field 2 of the Clewston Ball Field Complex in Clewiston)
Monday, April 12 - Defeated Clewiston ELKS 853, 19-1
hursday, April 15 - Defeated Wedgeworth's
Monday, April 19 - Defeated D \& J Machiner 13-5
riday, April 23 - Defeated Roland Martin
Marina, 21-0
Friday, April 30 - Defeated Clewiston ELKS

Tuesday, May 4 - Defeated Wedgeworth's Inc., 8-1
Thursday
hursday, May 6 - D \& J Machinery game Tuesday, May 11 - Defeated Roland Martin Marina, 14-5 Monday, May 17 - Defeated Clewiston ELKS 1853, 23-1
Friday, May riday, May 21 - Wedgeworth's Inc. game Tuesday, May 25 - Defeated D \& J Machiner 4-1 Thursday, May 27 - Defeated Roland Martin
Marina, $5-1$ Marina, 5-1 riday, June 4 - Defeated Clewiston ELKS

Community Honors Memory of Tyler Cypress at 1st Annual Fishing Tournament

## BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - Parents and grandparents spent the day out on the water with
their children and grandchildren in memory their the late Tyler Cypress as they participated
of in the first annual Tyler Cypress Memorial Fishing Tournament held June 11 on the Big Cypress Reservation. The memorial fishing tournament in17 children participating.
"I think it's a great testimony of him and
w people remembered him," Arlen Payne how people remembered him," Arlen Payne said, "and they wanted to show some appre-
ciation and remember what he was like" iation and remember what he was like."
Teams fished for panfish and bass all ing for the biggest catch of the day.
The tournament was organized by the
with the Cypress family who lost their son Tyler to a tragic car accident March 20. Ty Fishing was the.
Fishing was a love of Tyler's and the family wanted a memorial that would give parents and children a chance to spend time gerish - something they have learned to "That was the main.
"That was the main thing, to get people o spend time w

Charlie Cypress said the past few nths have been extremely difficult but his amily continues to pray and rely on each ther and their community for support. "Tyler had a big heart, he loved people,
he got along with just about anybody," Charlie Cypress said. "Just for them to come Charlie Cypress said. "Just for them to come
Panfish
Place
Results
Place

1. Walter
2. Walter Summeralls - Nicholas Andrews - Wahali Koenes
3. Chris Hulbutta - Dannee Billi Alfred Billie
4. Fred Phillips - Allison Herrera 4. Charlie Cypress - Caitlin Cypres - Ryan Cypress
Bass
Place
5. Bronson Hill - Terance Hill 2. Tom Koenes - Dalton Koenes 3. Ricky Doctor - Mailani Perez
6. Fred Phillips - Alison Herrera 5. Amos Tiger - Wyatt Amos Hine

## Tom Koenes, left, and which bass to enter in

 at 11th Annual Sports FestivalBY NAII TOBIAS AND CHRIS C. JENKINS

Staff Reporters
Tribal citizens came together for the Memoria Day weekend to take part in a series of sporting events from May 28-31 in commemoration of the 11th Annual Hosted by Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress and the Big Cypress Recreation Department, the Tribe sponsored a slew of games for the Tribal adul and seniors in billiards, bowling and golf.

From May 28-30, Tribal citizens from all six resHollywood Seminole Hard Rock's ballroom for a host of competitive matches in the game of billiards. Along with scores of Native Americans from Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon and Canada, the Tribal pool players put their game faces on in the

Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola, a Tribal participant each of the Sports Festival's 11 years, used his 20 years of pool experience to his advantage, playing well in the
8 -ball, team 8-ball and 9 -ball billiards competitions.

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8 \text {-ball, team 8-ball and 9-ball billiards competitions. }
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Hollywood senior Mary Kay Osceola gets her bowl on during the Sports Festival's Bowling Tournament at the AMF Bowling Lanes in Pembroke Pines May

Sports Festival
"What I love about
all ages," the Naples liaison said you can play it from joyous time over the Memorial Day weekend. "What I always continue to enjoy is seeing everyone." he Hard Rock from Norman, Okla., was among those who took advantage of her several opportunities in billiards play. As a first-year Sports Festival attendee,
Gatzman's 30 years of experience in billiards was on Gatzman's 30 years of experience in billiards was on
display in the women's open, team and scotch doubles display in the women's open, team and scotch doubles
Gatzman, who brought her friend, Debra Fletcher,
to the Memorial Day Weekend festival, opened up about her time spent at the Hard Rock in Hollywood and talked about her billiards experience.
"It was all great," Gatman
"It was all great," Gatzman said. "To win [at billiards was one of my goals and to meet different peo-
ple. I knew the competition would be big. There were a ot of good players."
As for Gatzman's overall impressions on the Sports
Festival?
"I think it was set up really good," she said. "The hospitality was great and the facility [the Hard Rock] was beautiAt the AMF Bowling Lanes in Pembroke Pines, Tribal adults and seniors engaged in a multitude of bowling
matches from May $28-30$, as they were matches from May 28-30, as they were
pinned against each other in competition for cash prizes.
Meanwhile, at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Fort Lauderdale, Tribal golfers teed up on the venue's golf course
and played a few competitive rounds and played a few competitive rounds
from May $30-31$ to conclude this year's Spom May 30-31 to concts Festival activities.

Big Cypress Recreation Department Assistant Director Stan Frischman said he was pleased with how the 11th
Annual Sports Festival turned out. He Annual Sports Festival turned out. He
offered his take on what to expect for offered his take on what to expect for
next year's festivities, should it occur. next "At this point in time, we believe, we have reached a comfortable plateau,", Frischman said of any possible changes
or improvements to future Sports Festior improvements to future Sports Festivals. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."


Big Cypress thil

11TH ANNUAL SEMINOLE SPORTS FESTIVAL RESULTS
Bowling: May 28-30 at the AMF Bowling Lanes in Pembroke Pines

## SINGLES PLAY

Senior Women: 1. Diane Smith ( 577 points), 2. Linda Tommie (542 points), 3. Jeannette Cypress ( 521 points), 4. Ruby ers and Parker ( ers and Parker Jones ( 574 points each), 4. Roger Smith ( 572 points), 5 . David Jumper ( 539 points); Women: 1. Crystal
Weiman Snell ( 622 points), 2. Terri Frank ( 606 points), 3. Wendi Snow 560 points), T-4. Pamela Jumper Snell and Patricia Wilcox ( 544 points each); Men: 1. Danny Tommie ( 714 points); 2. Kenneth Doney ( 698 points), 3. Kyle Doney ( 68 points), 4. Jerome Davis ( 674 points), 5. Rufus Tiger ( 637 points).

## DOUBLES PLAY

Senior Women: 1. Rose Jones and Diane Smith (1089 points), 2. Mary Micco and Linda Tommie (1058 points), 3. Diane mith and Linda Tommie ( 1053 points), 4. Dora Tiger and Rose Jones ( 960 points), 5 . Maydell Osceola and Mary G. (1161 points), 3. Parker Jones and Roger Smith (1152 points), 4. Billie Micco and Roger Smith (1147 points), 5. Moses Osceola and Eugene Bowers (1018 points); Women: 1. Leslie Osceola and Ashley Wilcox ( 1184 points), 2. Michelle Osceola and Monica Cypress ( 1175 points), 3. Denise Billie and Alfreda Muskett ( 1090 points), 4. Wendi Snow and Salina Dorgan (1051 points), 5. Ashley Wilcox and Patricia Wilcox (1038 points); Men: 1. Gordon Wareham and Rufus
Tiger (1376 points), 2. Robert B. Frank and Dwayne Billie 3. Marcy Osceola and Philmon Bowers 4. Dwayne Bille and Merle Billie, 5. Kyle Doney and Kenneth Doney; Senior Mixed: 1. Kevin Tommie and Diane Smith (1305 points), 2. Moses Osceola and Mary J. Micco ( 1170 points), 3. Kevin Tommie and Linda Tommie (1167 points), 4. David Jumper and Rose Jones, 5 . David Jumper and Dora Tiger ( 1098 points); Mixed: 1. Kyle Doney and Joni Johnson, 2. Jennifer Osceola and Gordon Wareham, 3. Robert Frank III and Terri Frank, 4. Leon Wilcox Sr. and Monica Cypress, 5. Marcy Osceola and Patricia Wilcox.

## TEAMS PLAY

Senior Women: 1. Mary J. Micco/Rose Jones/Diane Smith/Linda Tommie (2307 points), 2. Mary J. Micco/Jeannette Cypress/Louise Billie/Linda Tommie (2042 points), 3. Ruby Osceola/Rose Jones/Diane Smith/Jeannette Cypress (2013 points); Senior Men: 1. Billie Micco/Moses Osceola/Parker Jones/Roger Smith (2165 points), 2. Moses Osceola/Parker
Jones/Eugene Bowers/Kevin Tommie (2116 points); Women: 1. Michelle Osceola/Jennifer Osceola/Monica Cypress/PaJones/Eugene Bowers/Kevin Tommie (2116 points); Women: 1. Michelle Osceola/Jennifer Osceola/Monica Cypress/Pa-
tricia Wilcox ( 2230 points), 2. Marilyn Doney/Joni Johnson/Crystal Weiman Snell/Toni Johnson (2157 points), 3. Marilyn tricia Wilcox (2230 points), 2. Marilyn Doney/Joni Johnson/Crystal Weiman Snell/Toni Johnson (2157 points), 3. Marilyn
Doney/Toni Johnson/Rebecca Osceola/Michelle Osceola (2084 points); Men: 1. Gordon Wareham/Delwin McCowan/Danny Tommie/Leon Wilcox Sr. ( 2522 points) 2. Leon Wilcox II/Jerome Davis/Danny Tommie/Leon Wilcox Sr. (2500 points), 3. Rufus Tiger/Philmon Bowers/Gordon Wareham/Danny Jones (2417 points); Senior Mixed: 1. Moses Osceola/Eugene Bowers/Linda Tommie/Mary J. Micco (2305 points), 2. Roger Smith/Parker Jones/Diane Smith/Rose Jones (2150 points), . Linda Tommie/Diane Smith/Roger Smith/Kevin Tommie (2143 points); Mixed: 1. Danny Tommie/Jerome Davis/Monica Cypress/Patricia Wilcox (2325 points), 2. Leon Wilcox Sr. /Leon Wilcox II/Michelle Osceola/Marilyn Doney (2310 points), 3
Denise Billie/Alfreda Muskett/Amos Billie/Gordon Wareham (2308 points).

## Billiards: May 28-30 at the Seminole Hard Rock Ballroom in Hollywood

8-BALL - INDIVIDUAL PLAY
Senior Women: 1. Lee Stokes, 2. Diane Only-A-Chief, 3. Donna Howell, 4. Jane Freeman, 5. Laura Clay; Senior Men: 1 Frank Henry, 2. Sonny Tiger, 3. Charley LaSarge, 4. Les Gourd, 5. Roley Johnson; Open Women: 1. Brittany Colbert, 2. Cheryl Backward, 3. Angela Harjo, 4. Phalyn Osceola, 5. Naomi Williams; Open Men: 1. Stan Tourangeau, 2. David Nunez,
-BALL - TEAM PLAY
Nomen: 1. A-Haws, 2. 4 Under Par, 3. Stilettos, 4. Sharp Shooters, 5. Rack w/o Balls; Men: 1. Heavy Hitters, 2. Oklahoma Spoilers, 3. Terminators, 4. Seminoles, 5. Boogie Men.
SCOTCH DOUBLES PLAY
. Stan Tourangeau/Naomi Williams, 2. Jay Echohawk/Angela Harjo, 3. Ralph Gray/Carlene Echohawk, 4. Roy Snow/The-9-BALL PLAY
Senior Women: 1. Diane Only-A-Chief, 2. Laura Clay, 3. Donna Howell, 4. Linda Billie, 5. Lee Stokes; Senior Men: 1. Charley LaSarge, 2. Sonny Tiger, 3. Frank Henry, 4. Les Gourd, 5. Tony Billie; Open Women: 1. Naomi Williams, 2. Phalyn Shawnee, 3. Phillip Davis, 4. Clarence Black, 5. Jimmy Clay.

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Golf: May 30-31 at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Fort Lauderdale
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Sunday, May 30, 2010

## 2 MAN BLIND DRAW

1. Rufus Tiger/Ken Campbell/Jeremy Harrison/Lawrence Gishey, 2. Richard Doctor/Lawrence Osceola/Virginia Billie/Ray ond Garza, 3. Kevin Osceola/Joshua Harrison.
LONGEST DRIVE
Senior Women: 1. Mabel Doctor; Senior Men: 1. Ken Campbell; Women: 1. Virginia Billie; Men: 1. Steven Awonohopay. CLOSEST TO THE PIN
Senior Women - Hole \#8: 1. Mabel Doctor; Senior Men - Holes \#3 and \#13: 1. Ken Campbell; Women - Hole \#17: 1.
Virginia Billie; Men - Holes \#3 and \#13: 1. Jeremy Harrison; Men - Hole \#8: 1. Kyle Doney; Men - Hole \#17: 1. Steve Awonohopay.
Monday, May 31, 2010
. Charlie Cypress and Jason Tommie, 2. Jimmie Harrison and Jeremy Harrison, 3. Lawrence Osceola and Ken Campbell, 4. Allen Huff and Destiny Whitney, 5. W. Bruce Pratt and Duane Pratt.

LONGEST DRIVE
Senior Women: 1. Mabel Doctor; Senior Men: 1. Mondo Tiger; Women: 1. Destiny Whitney; Men: 1. Kyle Doney finishers earning nine, eight, seven and six points, respectively for their competing events

Mutton Busting (in seconds): 1. Justin Gopher Jr- - 10.69, 2. Jaytron Baker - 8.85, 3. Creek Gopher - 5.47, 4. Jarrett Beecham - 4.16, 5. Willie Smith - 3.76; Pony Riding (in points): 1. Jobe Johns - 51, 2. Kenny Descheene - 48, 3. Tripp Edgar - 45; Calf Riding (in points): 1. Mark Holmes
-4.8 , 2. Justin Mickelson - 3.95 , 3. Myron Billie - 1.75, T-4. Nicholus Andrews and Jaylen Baker - DID NOT SCORE; Steer Riding (in points): 1. Jobe Johns - 53, 2. Tripp Edgar - 5.65; Jr. Bull Riding (in points): 1. Kelton Smedley - 72, 2. Andre Jumper - 56, 3. Ernie Courson - 54; Chute Doggin (in seconds): 1. Ernie Courson - 5.4, 2. Chebon Gooden - 11.2; Barrel Racing (4-8 years old - in seconds): 1. Brighton Bauman - 20.574, 2. Budda Jumper - 22.612, 3. Jacee Jumper 23.132, 4. Savannah Fish - 26.224, 5. Canaan Jumper - 27.001; Barrel Racing ( $9-12$ years old in seconds): 1 . Harley Maggard - 18.078, 2. Annie Jumpers - 18.1 , 3 , Kalgary Johns - 22.569 18.742 , 3. Victoria Maggard - 18.801; Jr. Breakaway Roping (in seconds): 1 . Jobe Johns Blevyns Jumper - 5.3, 3. Kelton Smedley - 21.0; Jr. Steer Undecorating (in seconds): 1. Blevyns Jumper - 3.0, 2. Kelton Smedley - 3.4; Sr. Steer Undecorating (in seconds): 1. Chebon Gooden

- 2.4; INFR Steer Riding (in points): 1. Andre Jumper - 56,2 . Kelton Smedley - 55,3 . Frank Huff - 2.4; INFR Steer R
- DID NOT SCORE.


Brighton Tribal woman Johanna Gopher is in the barrel racing event at the


Leanna Billie and Ivan Bruisedhead are in the steer wrestling challenge at the 11th

## EIRA Rodeo Competition Kicks Off Seminole Tribe's Annual Sports Festival

## BY NAII TOBIAS

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Moses 'Big Shot' Jumper Jr. served as the master of ceremonies for the Eastern Indian Rodeo Assoiation's youth and adult competitions on May 22 .
Held at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena, the Tribal emcee spoke on how the rodeo event was used to coincide with the
kickoff of the 11th annual Seminole Tribe's Sports Festival. kickorf oreo goes back many years with the Tribe," Moses 'Big Shot'Jumper said. "It brings all of us here from the Tribe back together as a rodeo family. It's been an exciting time and a a part of it for years to come"
part of it for years to come,"
The EIRA Rodeo festivit
The EIRA Rodeo festivities began with a series of youth
competitions, which featured approximately 100 Tribal and non-Tribal youngsters riding on their horses, ponies and steers It was the only time throughout this year's Seminole Tribe Sports Festival that the youth were able to participate.
EIRA Director Melissa Gopher said the youth tou

EIRA Director Melissa Gopher said the youth tournament provide enough time for the kids to compete this year. She offered her take on the youth competition, which featured calf
riding, bull riding, steer riding, pony riding and mutton bustriding, bull riding, steer riding, pony riding and mutton bust-
"We had a lot more Seminole youth that entered the rodeo
this year," Gopher said. "Our kids are our future, so I feel it's my turn to help out the younger generation that wants to come participate in rodeo. We start our rodeo ages at 4 years old and go until 17 years, and sometimes the teenagers compete in the adult rodeo. It's a good sight to see because it keeps everyone
on their toes." When night fell on the Rodeo Arena, it was time for the
adults to compete with each other. The Tribal and non-Triba women and men went head-to-head in a variety of categories, which included breakaway roping, team roping, barrel racing,
bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, bareback and saddle bronc. The EIRA festivities ended well into the night with aforementioned challenges in the 50 -and-over categories and an open rodeo for all adult participants.
"I feel that rodeo will be here for a long time," Gopher said. "I foresee it getting bigger and better in the future." The EIRA has been part of the Indian National Finals Rodeo for roughly 14 years, according to Gopher.
this year will be the Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo on Tribe at the Brighton Reservation. It will precede the EIRA Regional Finals, which will convene from Aug. 27-28 at the Junior Cy press Rodeo Arena in Big Cypress. The INFR National Cham

EIRA SANCTION POINTS AFTER FIVE (5) EVENTS

## ADULT DIVISION

Bareback: 1. John Salios - 167.5, 2. Jacoby Johns - 145, 3. Freddy WarBonnett - 110, 4. Bill Ollinger - 30; Saddle Bronc: $:$. Tyler Humble - 60 ; Steer Wrestling: 1. . Luinn Campbell - 157.5, 2 . Naha Jumper -
77.5, 3. Ivan Bruisedhead -65 . . Warren Rubio - 55 , T-5. Wilse Bruisedhead - 20. T-5. Robbie Chalfant 20, 7. Dayne Johns - 10; Calf Roping: 1. Ivan Bruisedhead - 90, 2. Naha Jumper - 85, 3. Preston Williams -55, 4. Quinn Campeell - 50,5 . Happy Jumper $-30,6$. Josh Jumper - 17.5, T-7. A Tigertail - 15, T-7. Justin Gopher - 15, T-7. Kelton Smedley - 15; Ladies Breakaway: 1. Yolanda Nez - 105, 2. Mindy Fish -70, 3. Shelby Osceola - 67.5, 4. Ayze Henry - 60 , T-5. Leanna Billie - 45, T-5. Boogie Jumper - 45, 7 . Trina Bowers - 25, 8. Clarrisa Bowers - 15; Team Roping - Header: 1. Josh Jumper - 145, 2. Justin Go-
pher $-60,3$. Marvin Bowers -55 , T-4. Freddy WarBonnett - 35, T-4. Warren Rubio - 35, 6. Leanna Billie pher - 60, 3. Marvin Bowers - 55, T-4. Freddy WarBonnett - 35, T-4. Warren Rubio - 35, 6. Leanna Billie -
20,7 . Wilse Bruisedhead - 15,8 . Pauletta Bowers - 10, T-9. Josh Weekly - 5, T-9. Yolanda Nez - 5 ; Team Roping - Heeler: 1. Preston Williams - 270, 2. Naha Jumper - 102.5, 3. Hilliard Gopher - 45, T-4. Todd Johns - 35, T-4. Jon McCabe - 35, T-6. Ivan Bruisedhead - 30, T-6. Al Tigertail - 30, 8. Quinn Campbell $-20,9$. Ayze Henry - 15, 10. Trina Harris - 5 ; Ladies Barrel Racing: $\mathrm{T}-1$. Loretta Peterson - 117.5, T-1. Scooter Johns - 117.5, 3. MacKenzie Bowers - 100, 4. Kalgary Johns - 95, 5. Carrera Gopher - 60, T-6.
Lisa 0sceola - 55 , T-6. Trina Harris - 55, 8. Ayze Henry - 52.5 9. Leanna Billie - 42.5, 10. Boogie Jumpe Lisa Osceola - 55, T-6. Trina Harris - 55,8 . Ayze Henry - 52.5, 9. Leanna Billie - 42.5, 10. Boogie Jumper 10, $\mathrm{T}-14$. Yolanda Nez - 10, 16. Marilee Johns - -5.5 ; Bull Riding: 1. Koty Brugh -110, 2. Jay Garza - 50


The tandem of AI Tigertail and Josh Jumper su
Festival's ElRA Rodeo competition on May 22.

Mutton Busting: 1. Justin Gopher Jr. - 39, T-2. Creek Gopher - 24, T-2. Jaytron Baker - 24, 4. David Desheene - 18, 5. Dwayne Billie
Jr. - 16, 6. Jarrett Beecham - 15, 7. Lazzlow Billie -13, 8. Willie Smith - 12, 9. Carmello Shenandoah - 10, 10. Bryce Baker - 8, Jr. - 16, 6. Jarrett Beecham - 15, 7. Lazzlow Billie -13, 8. Willie Smith - 12, 9. Carmello Shenandoah - 10, 10. Bryce Baker - 8,
11. Jrayko Billie $-7,12$. Timmy Tigertail - 6 ; Pony Riding: 1. Tripp Edgar - 46, 2. Jobe Johns - 30, 3. Mark Holmes - 16, T-4. Jaron 11. Jrayko Billie - 7, 12. Timmy Tigertail - 6; Pony Riding: 1. Tripp Edgar - 46, 2. Jobe Johns - 30, 3. Mark Holmes - 16, T-4. Jar
Johns - 9, T-4. Daniel Rodriguez Jr. - 9, T-4. Kenny Descheene - 9; Calf Riding: 1. Mark Holmes - 45.5, 2. Myron Billie - 24, 3. Johns - 9, T-4. Daniel Rodriguez Jr. - 9, T-4. Kenny Descheene - 9; Calf Riding: 1. Mark Holmes - 45.5, 2. Myron Billie - 24 , 3 .
Justin Mickelsen - 18, 4. Daniel Rodriguez Jr. - 17, T-5. Kirklin Boney -16., T-5. Jaylen Baker - 16.5.7. Norman Occeola - 15 Francisco Rodriguez - 10, 9 . Nicholus Andrews - 6.5; Steer Riding: 1. Tripp Edgar - 36, 2. Rayven Smith - 26, T-3. Frank Huff - 20, T-3. Jobe Johns - 20, 5. Daniel Rodriguez Jr. - 9, 6. Drayton Billie - 8; Jr. Bull Riding: 1. Kelton Smedley - 28, 2. Andre Jumper -
27.5, 3. Ernie Courson - 27, 4. William Bearden - 25, 5. Josh Johns - 19, 6. Andrew Holmes - 8.5; Chute Doggin: T-1. Josh Johns 36, T-1. Ernie Courson - 36, 3. Tyler Tigertail - 26, 4. Andrew Holmes - 10,5. Chebon Gooden - 9, T-6. Andre Jumper, T-6. Jobe Johns; Barrel Racing (4-8 years old): 1. Brighton Bauman - 47, 2. Jacee Jumper - 33, 3. Budda Jumper - 32, 4. Savannah Fish - 2 5. Canaan Jumper - 19, 6. Alyssa Gonzales - 6; Barrel Racing (9-12 years old): 1. Kalgary Johns - 47, 2. Harlie Maggard - 45, 3 .
Ahnie Jumper - 35, 4. Courtney Gore - 8, T-5. Mila Osceola - 7, T-5. Jobe Johns - 7, T-5. Rawlinda Ben - 7; Barrel Racing (13-17 years old): 1. Reagon Tigertail - 43, T-2. Nauthkee Henry - 28, T-2. Malionie Perez - 28, 4. Acealyn Youngblood - 18,5.Ashley Park -10, 6. Victoria Maggard - 8; Jr. Breakaway: 1. Andre Jumper - 29, 2. Tyler Tigertail - 26.5, 3. Dalton Boney - 19, 4. Jobe Johns -
18,5. Blevyns Jumper - 16, 6 . Kirklin Boney - 9 , T-7. Kelton Smedley - 8 , T-7. Ahnie Jumper - 8, T-9. Kalgary Johns - 7, T-9. Josh Johns - 7; Jr. Bareback: 1. William Bearden - 19, 2. Andrew Holmes - 9; Jr. Steer Undecorated: 1. Kelton Smedley - 39, 2. Blevyns Jumper - 27, 3. Jobe Johns - 18, 4. Kalgary Johns - 10; Sr. Steer Undecorated: 1. Chebon Gooden - 29, 2. Dalton Boney - 10, 3. Andre Jumper - 9 .

EASTERN INDIAN RODEO ASSOCIATION POINTS AFTER FIVE (5) EVENTS YOUTH DIVISION


INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO POINTS AFTER FIVE (5) EVENTS
INFR Steer Riding: 1. Andre Jumper - 47.5, 2. Kelton Smedley - 36.5,
3. Frank Huff - 10, 4. Dalton Koenes - 8; INFR Jr. Breakaway: 1. Andre Jumper - 30, 2. Jobe Johns - 24, 3. Blevyns Jumper - 21, 4. Kelton Smedley - 14, 5. Ahnie Jumper - 8, 6. Kalgary Johns - 7 ; INFR 10; INFR 50 -and-Over Team Roping - Header: 1. Paul Bowers Sr. - 10 INFR 50 -and-Over Team Roping - Heeler: 1. Joe Johns; INFR Lady's Barrels: 1. Anna Bowers - 30, 2. Mary Jean Koenes - 18; INFR 15-and Under Barrel Racing: 1. Kalgary Johns - 49, 2. Malionie Perez - 46, 3. Budda Jumper - 37, 4. Ahnie Jumper - 36, 5. Acealyn Youngblood - 33, 6. Ashley Parks - 28, 7. Savannah Fish - 26, 8. Dayra Koenes - 25, 9 .
Nauthkee Henry -18.

## INFR ALL-AROUND POINTS AFTER FIVE (5) EVENTS

Girls: 1. Kalgary Johns - 64, 2. Annie Jumper - 45; Boys: 1. Jobe Johns -
101. 2. Tripp Edgar - 82 , 3. Kelton Smedley - 75, 4. Andre Jumper - 73.5 101, 2. Tripp Edgar - 82, 3. Kelton Smedley - 75, 4. Andre Jumper - 73.5,
5. Ernie Courson - 63,6 . Josh Johns - 62,7 . Mark Holmes - 61.5, 8. Tyler 5. Errie Courson - 63, 6. Josh Johns - 62, 7. Mark Holmes - 61.5, 8. Tyle
Tigertail - 5 2., 9 . Blevynn Jumper - 43, 10. Chebon Gooden - 38, 11. William Bearden - $35.5,12$. Kirklin Boney - 16.5; Ladies: 1. Ayze Henry -
127.5. 2. Leanna Billie - 107.5. 3. Shelby Osceola - 92.5, T-4. Trina Harri - 85, T-4. Boogie Jumper, 6 . Mindy Fish, 7. Tylor Johns - 30, 8. Shelby Dehass - 20; Men: 1. Preston Williams - 270, 2. Naha Jumper - 265, 3. Quinn Campbell - 227.5, 4. Ivan Bruisedhead - 175, 5. Josh Jumper --50 , Hilliard Gopher - 45,10 Wilse Bruisedhead - 35, 11. Happy Jumper - 30 , 12. Robbie Chalfant - 20 .

## Tommie-Wilcox Memorial Celebrates Another Successful Year

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

PORT ST. LUCIE - For the 11th year running, dozens of family and friends came
together in the spirit of competition and in together in the spirit of competition and in bowler Hope Tommie-Wilcox in the memorial bowling tournament of her namesake. The Superplay USA Bowling Center host-
ed the event once again in a four-game partne ed the event once again in a four-game partner
tournament format on May 15 . tournament format on May 15 .
Son Danny Tommie said the day was a
great way to remember the former migrant great way to remember the
worker and semi-pro bowler. "Because bowling was enjoyable and en-
tertaining for her, she broadened our [as her tertaining for her, she broadened our [as her
children] experiences by putting us into the programs early," Son Danny Tommie said. "We brogan to enjoy playing coming up and it was a good opportunity to socialize and it was and has been a good experience for all of her kids including the grandkids."
Among her relatives on hand were Widow
Damon Wilcox, daughter Patricia Wilcox and Damon Wilcox, daughter Patricia Wilcox and
sister Bessie Tommie. Childhood friend Alice Smith has
supporting the event since its inception. supporting the event since its inception.
"I continue to come for the fun
 goal and 11 years
later she is still working hard at that. It is a great
thing," said Rep. Osceola, who participated in his fourth year of
the tournament. "I have very fond memories of her and spent time with her at her home in Fort Pierce and I enjoyed it. She taught me a few
things about myself as well as herself to pass things about myself as well as herself to pass
on to others."

## Don't miss

GOLFING TIPS
BY WOODY DOHERTY

Program offered on the Seminole Channe every Thursday

## Open House Spotlights Fitness in Immokalee

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - A comprehensive fitness program for Immokalee was initiated a little more than five years ago
and has continued to evolve at regular inand has continued to evolve at regular in-
tervals. May 25 marked the most recent tervals. May 25 marked the most rece
introduction of new equipment to the introduction of new equipment to the
weight room with an open house from 10 weight room with an open
a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fitness trainers Neil Prager and Joey
Fitness trainers Neil Prager and Joey
Garcia kicked off the event by demonstrating the dos and don'ts of equipment use to achieve the most benefit from a
workout. Continuing to expand the effecworkout. Continuing to expand the effec-
tiveness of the program, trainer Liz Pick tiveness of the program, trainer Liz Pick
ering joined the staff two months ago. She ering joined the staff two months ago. She
brings five years of experience in youth, group and personal training to the curriculum.
"In the
"In the short time that I have been here, I have enjoyed getting to know the
community members and look forward to our class sessions," said Pickering. "In
order to inspire participation and produce order to inspire participation and produce
realistic results, it is important to address
individual needs as well as variety to re- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Porcaro. "Hopefully, this will encourage } \\ & \text { duce monotony." } \\ & \text { mire Tribal members to work out and da }\end{aligned}$
Pickering distributed descriptive in-
dress weight issues which will of course Pickering distributed descriptive in- dress weight issues which will, of course,

formation on ten 60 -minute classes de- benefit numerous medical problems such signed to target parts of the body, muscle as diabetic control." | groups, cardio vascular workouts, calorie $\begin{array}{c}\text { As healthy luncheon followed a short } \\ \text { blasting and lifting, toning and flattening } \\ \text { introductory workout and distribution of }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | blasting and lifting, toning and flattening introductory

of trouble areas.


## Youngsters Participate in Big Cypress' Track Day



About 12 Tribal youngsters attended Big Cypress' Track Day on June 10. Track events included the $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ meter dash, the $\mathbf{2 0 0}$ meter dash, the 400 meter dash and the mile. Left photo, from left, Tyler Tigertale, Blevyns Jumper and Andre Jumper. Right photo, from left, Nathanthe 400 meter dash and the mile. Left photo, from left, Tyler Tigertaie, Blevyns Jumper and Andre Jumper. Right photo, from left, Nath
iel

## Tribal Men Compete in Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament

## BY NAII TOBIA

CLEWISTON - In what was the last of four Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournaments in this year's series, Charlie Cypress played his way to a victory at the Clew iston Golf Course on June 4.

Cypress and fellow Tribal golfer Ken Campbell posted two skins overall to share the win. Allen Huff, Jason Tommie and Mondo Tiger each scored a skin in the tournament to tie for third place Tiger

Tiger, an avid golfer, offered his take on how the "We went down.
fun to begin the just here to get together and have some this golf course to sharpen Tiger said. "We came out on with our fellow Tribal members we haven't seen in a
while." Big Cypress' Keeno King and Rev. Bruce Pratt were surprise entries who made it to the tournament. Though both men did not place overall in the competition, they showed the rest of the field what it's like to relax, have fun with their golf swings and share laughs with thei
fellow competitors throughout the 18 -hole tournament. Cypress was particularly happy with King, a Tribal employee at the Ahfachkee School, making his appearance in the competition
2009-2010 academic year ended [the Ahfachkee School's
ided not to wait any longer to play. We haven't had on since the end of April," Cypress said. egan with two competitions in March, followed by a match several weeks ago, which preceded the action n finale.
airs of five. Group 1 consisted of Cypress Prat in two Tommie, Jason Tommie and Cicero Osceola, while Group 2 comprised of Campbell, King, Tiger, Ricky "I wa Allen Huff.
"I was glad to see everybody come out to the golf relaxing environment. We want to come out here agai
The Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament Series was ponsored by Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Davi

Big Cypress Skins Golf Tournament Results
(T-1 represents a tie for first place; T-3: tie for third place)
Most Skins
T-1. Charlie Cypress and Ken Campbell - 2
Skins; T-3. Allen Huff, Mondo Tiger and Jason Tommie-1 Skin.


Keeno King, enjoying his first day off from the Ahfachkee S
Course with his first shot on the tournament's second hole.


FNARC Holds a Golf Tournament Fundraiser

BY JUDY WEEKS BY WUO WEEKS
NAPLES - The Florida Native American Recov ery Convention (FNARC) organized a golf tournament at the Links of Naples as a fundraiser on May 22. Seminole Wellness Cogan as a shoot off of the annual for Seminoles in Recovery" said Family Services Di rector Helene Buster. "We are a support group for all Native Americans in recovery from addiction.
"FNARC held its first convention with approximately 75 participants and recently assembled more than 200 attendees for his second conference. We pro-
vide inspirational and motivation support to empower vide inspirational and motivation support to empowe
Native Americans striving to remain in recovery," continued Buster. "Although we have current sponsorship, it is our goal to become self-sufficient. We will be closer to our goal thanks to the teams and individuals who are facilitating his event.
In an effort to achieve their goal, FNARC is orgagolf tournament turned out to be an overwhelming suc cess. Employing a new concept, organizers manned the charcoal grills and prepared side dishes to turn out some


The FNARC Golf Tournament attracted players from all across South Florida to raise funds for their forth while cause
wesome box lunches for sale. Traveling around the course, they found ample customers who were eager to
sample their cooking skills. Tournament play include Doctor, Mondo Tiger and Ray Garza, Sr. coming in with 1 under par for first place. Ricky's famous long drives were complimented by Mondo's deadly iron play and Raymond's red hot putter provided the necessary ac-
curacy to beat out the second team by one point. Seccuracy to beat out the second team by one point. Sec-
ond place winners, Kevin Osceola, Sharon Rose, Roger Stone and Steven Awonahopay cheerfully shook hands ith their opponents.
Mondo Tiger swept the Closest to the Pin competition on the fifth, 15 th and 18 th holes with Roger Stone laying a ball right next to the cup on number 9.
Tournament results were as follows: 1 . Ricky Docr, Mondo Tiger, Raymond Garza, Sr. 2. Kevin Osceo, Sharon Rose, Roger Stone, Steven Awonahopay, 3. Lawrence Osceola, Charlie Cypress, Keeno King, 4. Canto, Andrew Junior, Rusty Billie, 6. Jim White, Juan Gardenas, Frankie Gardenas, 7. Mabelle Doctor Ronnie Doctor, 8. Tim Leverone, Stephanie Leverone, Marilyn

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Youth Conference in Orlando Teaches Children Vital Life Lessons

$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. J ENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

ORLANDO - The annual Hollywood, Nonesident, Fort Pierce and Trail Seminole Youth Con ference brought youth and their parents together once
again with the goal of enlightening its future leaders in again with the goal of enlightening its future leaders in
the areas of culture, drug prevention, finances, educathe areas of culture, drug prevention, finances, educa-
tion, art, health and other essential lifestyle topics. The comfy Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center served as home base to dozens with the 2010 theme of "Prosperity Through Perseverance" July 5-10.
Several guests and presenters were featured throughout the week including: Tiffany Sinclair, reigning Miss National Indian Rodeo, Sam English, re-
inowned Native artist, Vaughn Eaglebear, comedian, nowned Native artist, Vaughn Eaglebear, comedian,
singer, dancer and motivational speaker, and Jennifer singer, dancer and motivational speaker, and Jennifer
Villalobos, Native youth educator. "We ask everyone to share yourself and sit and talk to people. This is how you learn and grow. We want
to challenge you this week," said Robert North, Boys
\& Girls Club Counselor and conference co-organizer.
"This week is an example of how we take time out for our youth; they are our future. Spend time with them; it is the Indian way
As perennial guest lecturers for the conference,
Villalobos and English said instilling Native pride and Villalobos and English said instilling Native pride and
artistic expression continues to be their main message each year.
"I want them to be proud to be Indian. Whatever it is they are trying to learn it will help them to keep their heads held high, Villalobos said. "There are not a lot of Native ro
example."
"It is
English said. "All our young people are valuable in life. If you can get young people to engage in art it also inspires thought.
The issue of drugs and prescription drug abuse
was one of many other topics Tribal parents also took
$\checkmark$ Please see YOUTH on page A2


Tribal youth participate in cultural activities during the annual Hollywood,
Tribal youth participate in cultural activities during the annual Holl
Non-Resident, Fort Pierce and Trail Seminole Youth Conference.

Tribal Council Approves August Special Election $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Tribal Council convened on the Big Cypress Reservation Com-
munity Center July 13 and 15 and authorized a special election for the Big Cypress Tribal Council Representative seat. .ll take place The special election will take place
from 8 a.m. to $7: 30$ p.m. August 6 at the Senior Center on the Big Cypress Reservation,
The Tribal Council also approved the eligible voters list and the list of nine candidates.
For
For a list of candidates and of eligible
voters read Seminole Media Production's voters read Seminole Media Production's
special issue available on the Big Cypress special issue available on the Big Cypress
and Immokalee Reservations.


Tribal Graduates Rewarded with a Trip to Paradise
$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
NASSAU, BAHAMAS - For the 10th year running, Tribal students enjoyed the
spoils of paradise as a part of the Chairman's spoils of paradise as a part of the Chairman's
Office annual graduates' trip in one of the world's most popular tourist hotspots. Daylon Youngblood, Duelle Gore, Jen-
na McDuffie, Jodi Huffman, Jordan Osceola and Shelli Osceola enjoyed a week of explo-
ration and relaxation as guests of honor Jun ration and reaxation as guests of honor Jun
14-18 the blissful allinclusive Island Ha bour Resort.
The six were joined by their families, members of the Tribal Education Depart

ment as well as Tribal officials throughout
the week. Twenty-seven Tribal citizens the week. Twenty-seven Tribal citizen
graduated throughout the Tribe this year. "This island has been very nice to us over the years," said Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "As the Chairman, I have seen a lot of our kids go in different directions because
there are a lot of bad temptations out there there are a lot of bad temptations out there.
Each year I have chosen [the Bahamas] because I want them to experience another culture and to let them know there is something else out there."
Among the
Among the many activities scheduled, a
trip to the famous Exuma Island has contintrip to the famous Exuma Island has contin-
ued to be a mainstay. Known as one of the most popular and beautiful of the Bahamian
islands, the graduates fed fruits to the native
iguanas and other wildlife, snorkeled and iguanas and other wildlife, snorkeled and
swam in the clear, sparkling waters.
"This trip "This trip made me push myself to get through and finish [school]," said Youngblood, a graduate of Okeechobee High School. "It was a good experience for me
and I will never forget t " and I will never forget it""
The 18 -vear-old said with automobiles and plans to attend Nashville Auto-Diesel College in Tennessee. "I loved the island, especially the sharks and feeding them," said Huffman, an honors student who graduated from NorthStar High School in Orlando. "I also love that
the Chairman cares about our education and wants to reward those who care about it as much as he does."
The future student of linguistics and
language interpretation is undecided on col-
leger language interpretation is undecided on col-
lege choices but scored an impressive 1530 lege choices but scored an impressive 1530
on the SAT Reasoning Test (formerly known on the SAT Reasoning Test (formerly known
as Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test).
"You have the best of both worlds and
all the opportunities in front of you," Tribal all the opportunities in front of you," Tribal
Board President Richard Bowers Board President Richard Bowers Jr. said
to the graduates during a special graduato the graduates during a special gradua-
tion banquet dinner later in the week. "I am tion banquet dinere with you to share in your
honored to honored to be

The trip was also topped off by a special guest appearance by multi-platinum selling and Grammy award winning hip-hop super-
star and actor Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. He star and actor Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. He
was on hand to congratulate the graduates was on hand to congratulate the graduates
and promote the importance of financial responsibility, the pitfalls of peer pressure and following one's dreams.
"I am extremely prom
when I say proud I mean it because and were different circumstances involved in
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President Richard Bowers Jr. Honored at Ceremony in Isle of Man $\frac{\text { BY BRIANA ABITTAN }}{\text { Contributor Reporter }}$
ISLE OF MAN - While walking the
ounds at the Royal Chapel of St. John's, grounds at the Royal Chapel of St. John's, viewers can sense the history of the Manx
Nation. Adjacent is a four-tier grassy hill, and a tent sits on top, amongst beautiful hills and green valleys.
Better known as Tynwald Hill, this picturesque scene has been the location for the Tynwald Ceremony dating back to the
king settlements, in the eighth century A.D. At this year's ceremony on July 5, President Richard Bowers Jr. was the guest honoree. As the oldest parliament in the world,
the legislative government has managed the legislative government has managed
to carry on a tradition for more than 1,000 to carry on a tradition for more than 1,000
years on the Isle of Man. Dignitaries dressed in old-fashioned, traditional garb proclaiming the laws of their land and airing grievances. Thousands witness this National
Day, considered to be the heart of Isle of Man's nationhood. Only six VIPs are chosen each year and England, who was once recognized the ceremony, President Bowers marched towards Tynwald Hill and partook in the weekend's festivities.
From tea time at the Garden Party to visiting the home of Isle of Man Lieuten-
ant Governor Sir Paul Haddocks, President Bowers described the Manx as very kind, hospitable people.
"I'm very privileged and honored to be here," President Bowers said. "The Manx


President Richard Bowers Jr. in front of Tynwald Hill on Tywald's National Day, July 5, 2010.
are a people of survival, just as the Se noles have been surviving in the U.S
Roger Phillips, Clark of
"The Seminole Tribe has a relationship with the United States, much like Isle of Man's relationship with the United King we're a crown dependency." The Manx have their own governme and language, just as the Seminoles do.
President Bowers first visited President Bowers first visited this
nique island located in between Ireland and Great Britain about a year ago. Finding the Isle of Man to be a haven for corporate businesses, President Bowers sees poten-
tal business opportunities after discussions with IOM Finance Minister Alex Downing.
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From Dad to Dad, Love Grows


From right, Kaley Zepeda celebrates Naples Father's Day with her father, Doug, and grandy Weeks Zepeda.Resid oay luncheon on June 20 . With more than 60 participants, the group represented fora ather's Day uncheon on
four generations. The tables were clustered to create a family atmosphere for the sharing of stories and planning summer activities.

V SEE FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL SECTION ON A11

## SMP Youth Media Workshop Completes Fourth Year

HOLLYWOOD - In its fourth year, the annual youth media workshop introduced Tribal teens to a week of hands-on training and exposure to the introduced Tribal teens to a week of editing during the June $20-26$ work-
hands-on training and exposure to the shop. Members of The Seminole Tri-
world of television and broadcast jour- bune's staff also educated the youth


Culinarystudentand chef Jimmie "Jimbo"Osceola
talks to the Youth Media Workshop teens about talks to the Youth Media Workshop teens a
the importance of following their dreams.
camera operations, script writing, audio functions, interviewing techniques and une's staff also educated the youth about print writing. This year eight students from
various reservations, ages 14-18 partook in the workshop. Veteran attendees Shelli Osceola, Jesse Mitchell and Alisia Billie, joined
newcomers Elena Jim, Jason Melton, Hanaa Al-Ajam, Dylanie Henry and Danelle Thomas. The participants chose an aspect of the Tribe's culture and
heritage, either alligato wresheritage, either alligator wres-
tling, arts and crafts or wood ting, arts and crafts or wood
carving, to create a documentary, electronic news gathering or tary, electronic news
short film piece. They presented their work at week's end.
"I really liked it and "I really liked it and found
that I am pretty good with the that I am pretty good with the camera," said first year partici-
pant Jason Melton. "I learned
nalism. $\quad$ Seminole Media Productions staff to edit and use Final Cut Pro and film through flashback sequences as the

Seminole Media Productions staff made a few friends also. I also liked grandmother of a young Billie. She said
took part in teaching the basics of on- the fact that you are in charge of your she enjoyed the opportunity to work own things and can do what you want with the group.
on film."
The participants were divided into that still wants to learn," said Osceola. two groups to make their project. HJS "I told them a long time ago, I learned Productions, consisting of Melton, young. Once you learn you need to Osceola and AI-Ajam, produced a short keep doing it. I am glad I still rememfilm of an aging former alligator wres- ber things and glad these young people tling legend, also played by Melton, want to know.
looking to keep the traditions of the The week also offered a more incraft alive. His two daughters, played depth spotlight into the broadcast news the expertise of current Seminole expert $\begin{aligned} & \text { profession station for a tour of the facility }\end{aligned}$ alligator wrestler, James Holt, to teach and a live sit-in taping. The group also them the basics. toured the popular teen-based broadcast The second group, called A\&C En- news station Broward Teen News, and tertainment Group, consisted of Tribal participated in other recreation activi-
citizens Jim, Mitchell and Billie. Their ties. citizens Jim, Mitchell and Billie. Their short film told the story of a grandmother's desire to pass along the art and prac-
tice of Seminole patchwork and sewing to her granddaughter. Billie played the role of the grandmother while Jim took on the role of granddaughter.
Tribal senior Betty Osceola served
as an arts and crafts expert consultant as an arts and crafts expert consultant
for A \& C, offering her expertise in the

Community leaders and guests spoke at the workshop's film presentation night and included Tribal citizens and James Holt, as well as Seminole Police Department Chief William Latchand media consultant Kelley Mitchell. and media consultant Kelley Mitchell.


Youth workshop participants Jason Melton, left, and Hanaa Al Youth workshop participants Jason Melton, left, and Hanaa Al-
Ajam, siton the set of one the MegaTV shows filmed at itsfacilities.


SMP senior videographer Celso Contreras, right, shows workshop participant Shelli Osceola, how to white balance a camera during the youth media workshop.


The 2010 Yo
auditorium.


Workshop par-
ticipant Danelle ticipant Danelle
Thomas of the Tampa commu-
nity
introduces nity introduces
herself to parents and supporters
during the SMP during the SMP
awards ceremo-

, workshop participants Alisia Billie, Hanaa Al-Ajam, Jesse Mitchell and Shelli Osceola enjoy the Major League Baseball F
da Marlins vs. San Diego Padres game at Sun Life Stadium.

## v GRADUATE

From page A1
you being here," Bridges said to the graduates, families and the guests in attendance. have to commend you on your commitment to staying in the right path in terms of your education and forward thinking.'
The star of the 2009 film "Gamer" also spoke openly about his s
monalities with the Tribe.
"I have a lot in common with you all,
because we are both in powerful pion because we are both in powerful positions,"
he said to the grads. I come from a strong he said to the grads. I come from a strong
foundation, the same way that I understand that the Seminole Tribe comes from." He even took the time for a closed meet He even took the time for a closed meet-
and-greet session with the teens for personal questions and conversation. "He was a motivating speaker that has
done a lot in his life to feel proud of," Chairdone a lot in his life to feel proud of," Chair-
man Cypress said of Bridges. "He came from not having much to becoming someone to look up to.
Bridges

Bor youth called own nonprofit foundator youth called the Ludacris Founda cation and memorable experiences to live their dreams by uplifting families, communities and fostering economic development It focuses on three key areas for youth of
all ages in: leadership and education, LudaCares, a hands-on community outreach pro gram and living healthy lifestyles, according to www.theludacrisfoundation.org. Founded in 2001 the charity has also
been named as one of the top 20 , Philanthropy Foundations by several publications.

CEREMONY
From page A
Noel Cringle, President of Tynwald, said he is delighte
people.
"The Seminole Tribe is working their way out


Tribal graduate Shelli Osceola, center, with grandmother, Virginia Mitchell, left, and


SeniorgraduateJennaMcDuffie


Graduate Jordan Osceola, right, with guest


Former San Francisco 49ers running back and special guest speaker William Floyd, far right, with Hollywood Recreation's Richard Osceol, far lef, and Tribal citizens
at the Non-resident Hollywood, Fort Pierce, Trail Youth at the Non-resident, H
Conference July $5-10$.


From left, Ditoyyo Billie and Brandon Latchford show off their carving, which they created in culture class.
from the United States. They have international intressts and the Isle of Man would like to share those international interests if it's possible. So we're pleased that The Seminole Tribe of Florida is here.'
The trip was July 2 through 7 . President Bowers The trip was July 2 through 7 . President Bowers
was accompanied by his Executive Administrative was accompanied by his Executive Administrative
Assistants Virginia Osceola from the Hollywood Reservation and Mornin Osceola from Big Cypress, and were all able to partake in
a once in a lifetime cultural exchange with The Manx Nation. "This is a very big honor. President, because he's representing all the Tribal members as well," Mornin Osceola said. The people of Isle of Man
enjoyed the beautiful patchwork on display and were enthralled with the fact that President Bowers was once an alligator wrestler. "It's absolutely fantastic, because there's such a richness of culture among the Native
American people and to meet American people and to meet
Seminoles, which you don't do Seminoles, which you don't do a great privilege for all of us," a great privileg
Phillips said.

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Isle of Man Finance Minister
ers J. at The Garden Party.


Mornin Osceola, President Richard Bowers sceola in front of the Royal Chapel of St. John's in Isle of Man.

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## Community

4-Hers Awarded at 2010 Year End Banquet


Senior Steer Project Winners received their awards from 4-HCoordinator Polly
Hayes and Ag. Ext. Agent Michael Bond. Grand Champion Steer: Kalgary Johns Rayes andAg.Ext.Agent Michael Bond. Grand Champion Steer:Kalgary Johns,
Reserve Grand Champion Steer: Kailin Brown, Senior Showmanship: Jessica
$\qquad$
a vast improvement and expansion in the down, all of the 4-Hers were final count program. Many of the children here this according to the number of years they he evening started with small animal projects participated in the program. They each re
 r families who are an integral part of books and a 4-H shirt. Trophies were pre
process. I am honored to the process. I am honored to
act as emcee this evening and
have a chance to per
congratulate each of these
fine young fine young people an
families," Bond said.
"A gets its beginning with quality foundation," contin will be presented to the cattle owners who supplied the Jumper, and the Reserv Grand Champion, Seminol land]. Dale McQuelle was

Seminole Indian 4-H Jewel Buck from Brighto and Nikki Davis, Cassandra Deidra Hall from Immo
Dencer

## Winners

Steer Winners: Grand Champion: Kalgary Johns,
Reserve Grand Champion: Kailin Reserve Grand Champion: Kailin Brown, Jr. Show
manship:KalgaryJohns,IntermediateShowmanship manship:KalgaryJohns,IntermediateShowmanship: MostWeightGain:KalgaryJohns(722pounds)Junior Record Book:Kalgary Johns, Intermediate Record Book:MarshallTommie,SeniorRecordBook: Jessica Lopez,SeniorHerdsman:JewelBuck,Intermediate Herdsman: Kenny Deschenee, Junior Herdsman:
Blake Baker.
SteerCarcass Winers: 1 Blevyns Jumper 2 Ahnie SteerCarcassWinners:1.Blevyns Jumper, 2.Ahnie Johns. Swine Winners: Grand Champion: Mika Lopez, Reserve Grand Champion:Issiah Alvarado, Junior
Showmanship:RosaUrbina,SeniorShowmanship Showmanship:RosaUrbina,SeniorShowmanship
GarrettThomas,MostWeightGain:RosaUrbina(229 pounds), Junior Record Book:Troy Cantu, Intermediate Record Book:AshtonBeer,Senior Record Book:CassandraJimmie,SeniorHerdsman:Garrett Thomas,IntermediateHerdsman:DaltonKoenes, Junior Herdsman: Dayra Koenes.

HollywoodCelebratesSecurity Gate Grand Opening


Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola J., center, stands among Tribal and community mem bersduringthegrand openingofthenew Hollywood Reservation BirdClansecurity gateentrancelo cated on 64th Avenue.The June 21 ceremony alsofeatured Hollywood Board Rep. Marcellus Osceol Jr., the Tribal Colo
leader Osceola.

## Seminole Tribe Gives Back to a Tribe Less Fortunate

TheReserveGrandChampionSteerbelongedto Kailin Brownandthe GrandChampionSteerwas ised by Ka
sented to the small animal owners. Raising livestock and growing our wn food has always been a part of our cul-
ure," said B.C. Board Rep. Paul Bowers ture," said B.C. Board Rep. Paul Bowers
Sr. "In more recent times, agriculture and Sr. In more recent times, agriculture and
the cattle industry have played an important role in our economy. 4-H offers an opporrole in our economy. 4-H ofers an oppor-
tunity for young people to learn the basics
so that they will be able to carry on this part so that they will be able to carry on this part of our heritage. By caring for animals, they
acquire some of life's most important lesacquire some of life's most important
sons of responsibility and management of
inances." A steak and chicken banquet preceded the awards ceremony and a Mardi Gras theme was enhanced by a dance following the presentations.
A professional disk jockey covered the maad expanse of the world of music and enticed the dancers to the floor.

## Swine Carcass Winners: 1. Chastity Harmon, 2

 Hunter Strickland, 3. Justin Roff, 4. Oscar Yates, 5 Mailani PerezSmall AnimalMembers:BigCypress:BriannaBowers,HarmonyCypress,NickAndrews,CalebBowers,
Jalee Wilcox, Valholly Frank. Immokalee: Priscilla Alvarado, Caniah Billie and Jaliyah Arteaga. Brighton: Jarrett Beecham, Aubee Billie, Creek Gopher, Emerson Billie, Jacee Jumper, KalebDoctor, Heith Lawrence, Alyssa Gonzales, Santiago Billie, Kiowa Garcia, Marcos Reyna, Norman Osceola, Tucker Urbina, Laviticus Roberts.
Seminole 4-HOfficers for 2009-2010:Immokalee: Pes.: Alexis Aguilar, VP: Jessica Lopez, Sec: SpenCantu B, Sg.of Arms: Edward Aguilar, Jr. and Troy Herrera,Sec:DayraKoenes,Treasurer:Callijoe Sgt of Arms:Chris Joe.BrightonSteerClub:Pres Erena Billie,VP:Breanna Billie,Sec/Treas.:Ashton Baxley Reporter:RayvenSmith,Sgt.ofArms:DraytonBillie Urbina VP. Ryle. Brighton Swine Club: Pres.: Rosa Sgt. of Arms: Richard Smith and Marquis Fudge.
 established a established a the youngsters
over a threeday period.
They were quizzed on nu
trition, breed and physica development
Attitude and were major
factors in the factors in th
final decisions which were ficult." $\begin{gathered}\text { uring } \\ \text { dit }\end{gathered}$ d road expanse of the world of music and an announcement at the First Indian Sioux Tribe was in the Sweat recalled memories of how her Tribe was once in the same desperate posi-
tion and knew that she and her Tribe needed to do something to give back.
"The Seminole Tribe is so blessed

CCEmploye CCE employees and volunteers traveled
their way to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Sweat is in constant contact with Pastor
Stanley Hollow Horn of the Wounded Knee Stanley Hollow Horn of the Wounded Knee
Church to help determine how the Seminole Church Florida can be of help to the Sioux Tribe. During the most recent trip Brighton employees and volunteers had the opportunity to communicate and get to know the members of the Sioux Tribe. Once they ar-
rived they unloaded the packed 24 -foot rived they unloaded the packed 24 -foot
trailer towed with items. After that, the volunteers headed to nearby stores where they loaded the trailer with much-needed food and staple items to fill the Sioux Tribe'
pantries.
The next few days the crew spent cooking for the Pine Ridge Tribal residents and ing for the Pine Ridge Tribal re
featured games for the children.
Within the Sioux Tribe there is an 80 percent unemployment rate with an increase in alcohol and drug abuse.
"It's like they've lost their hope," CCE
Assistant Director Rhonda Goodman said "They need to be shown that people care and they aren't a lost Tribe."
Tribal citizens or Tribal employees who would like to make a donation can contact
the CCE department in Brighton at 863-763the CCE department in Brighton at 863-763 356


SPD's Citizens Police Academy Series Features MILO Simulation, Taser Demos

BY NAJITOBIAS
BIG CYPRESS - In the SPD Citizens Police cademy's Week 8 class on June 14, SPD Sgt. George Gonzalez began the session by discussing how a law There are at least four ways for an officer to ap prehend an offender: the use of handcuffs, batons, "Our job is not to inflict pain on someone, but we
have to defend ourselves," Sgt. Gonzalez said. "You have to do whatever it takes to protect yourself." Another way for officers to take down a potentia
criminal is the use of a firearm. This however is done when warranted. A few scenarios of the potentially deadly use of
force were played out later on in the class as Tribal academy students participated in a MILO simulation demonstration.' dou're in that situation, you don't know,"
"Until sg. Gonzalez said. The time to figure out what to do
in a potentially deadly situation is in training. It's an ongoing thing."
Sgt. Gonzalez said the level of training for the SPD officers is a high priority on the department's list. He said a potentially dangerous situation can hap-
pen at any time, such as a potential pen at any time, such as a potential assailant shoot
ing at an innocent bystander and/or and officer in th ing at an inno
criminal act. "We don't ask to be in these situations," Sg Gonzalez said. "We have to 1
tions that are presented to us. That's why a law enforcement officer must be o
ficer David Lee.
"A cop's job is $24 / 7$," Officer Lee said. "We al-
ways have to be on our toes. It has to be a part of us." The Tribal academy students received the opportunity to see and feel what it's like to be in a simulated
anxiety and serious situation during a Taser demon anxiety and serious situation during a Taser demon-
stration They were drawn to a visual that showed Officer T.J. Tartsah on the receiving end of the Taser shock. Taser is used by law enforcement officers as pain compliance procedure to stop offenders who either resist arrest or try to cause harm to the officer in question. The Tas
of five seconds.
"It's not a matter of if it will happen, but it's a matter of when," SPD Officer David Lee said. "We
need to be prepared for any kind of situation that may come our way.
The class wa
The class was later moved to the MILO simulaion room, where the students
In one sequence, Tribal academy students Morni Osceola and Eldeen Tecumseh teamed up to use lethal force on a simulated male suspect after he shot a boy in a hotel. Officer Lee complimented the two Triba students on their effectiveness and timely actions. "You were just instinct shooting."
Sgt. Gonzalez offered his take on how important it is for the SPD officers to receive this level of train ing in order to ensure the best possible protection for the Tribe and its citizens.
"We don't settle for mediocre," he said. "If it even comes close to that,"
training for our officers."


Photo above, SPD Officer T.J. Tartsah, cente is on the receiving end of the Taser demo drill, SPD Sgt. George Gonzalez, right, holding him up. SPD Officer David Lee, back, administers
the Taser shot.Right top photo, Tribal academy the Taser shot. Right top photo, Tribal academy
students Sarah Osceola, left, Candy Cypress, center, and Sheila Bevenue, take a look at the serial numbers to the deppoyed Taser devices. ight bottom photo, SPD Office right sows Tibal ade


 Tribal academy students Sarah Osceola, left, holding the flashlight, Tribal acaderera find a beeper in the SPD parking lot - a key piec

Lt. Jerry Herren, left, gives the Tribal academy students a crash course on how a crime scene investigation works in a mock visual demonstration dur-

## Mock Crime Scene Investigation Concludes Citizen's Police Academy

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BIG CYPRESS - Outside the Semi nole Police Department building were
trail of blood, a beeper, a license plate an seven shell casings.
Those were just four of the items or display in Week 9 of the SPD's Citizons
Police Academy Class on June 21, when Tribal academy students took part in mock crime scene presentation.
SPD Lt. Jerry Herren, based out of th Tampa Reservation, took seven Tribal stu dents to the crime scene investigation, placing them in a straight line as they searchec in the mock crime.
"The rule of evidence is to complete everything," Lt. Herren said to the stu
dents. "Take your time. Don't rush to figure everything out. It's a big, big puzzle."
According to Lt. Herren, the mocl crime scene scenario consisted of a group
of three people - two men and an unidentiof three people - two men and an unidenti-
fied woman - sitting on a park bench righ in front of the Seminole Police Building An argument ensued between the individu
als and a burly man in his 40 s stabbed 32-year-old slender man wearing a white
shirt, tight blue jeans and a shirt, tight blue jeans and a pair of Nike Air
Force 1 sneakers. Meanwhile, the victim, who was out a shotgun and shot him multiple times The assailant somehow escaped the scen calade SUV. he suspect on foot. However, the suspect ness to the melee, fled the area on foot anc has not yet been located by law enforct
dent, all that remained was a smattering of vidence for the investigators to pick up. his point the stage wa a the long anduous proce of figuring out what happened and how to apprehend the suspect and victim.

## ion) Tip

For a law enforcement officer, it nor crime scene investigation. Once the work one, then all evidence is submitted to the or furth Department of Law Enforcement Before any evidence is collected, has to be photographede is collected, added. When the findings are later present ed in court, it is imperative that all bases are covered before presenting evidence to
judge and jury for the prosecuted case in question
"Someone in the jury is going to say,
We want to duplicate the scene," Lt Her We want to duplicate the scene,"" Lt. Her With measurements, you don't want to b exact. It will make things harder for you in To ensure a successful crime scene investigation, Lt. Herren said law enforce ment takes several steps, which they also vestigation. These are: ensure the safety of yourself, the witnesses, the victims and the suspects; secure the crime scene, search the
crime scene, look for evidence, take photos crime scene, look for evidence, take photos
of the evidence, measure the evidence, collect the evidence and write the crime coleport. As the Tribal academy students nearby, Lt. Herren gave them another help ful tip.
not in its origi-
said.
Learning Mission Accomplished will determine the success of it according to Lt. Herren. The coordination of a crime scene, he said, can be one of the most difficult things to do in law enforcement. A grid search - something the Tribal
academy students participated in - is typically considered the best, because investigators will start the process on the ou
edges of the scene and work inward. A wheel search, meanwhile, starts in
the epicenter of the crime scene and work its way out. "I dors "I don't know what my evidence is," t. Herren said. "The further I go out, the greater my responsibility is. The further I
walk out, the greater possibility it is for me to miss things."
It took ab
It took about an hour for Lt. Herren and the Tribal academy students to gather
the plethora of evidence outside the building, but the strategic use of the grid search helped them find some clues as to who the suspects were.
Though the criminals were never found in this mock crime scene, they all earned one key thing: evidence is the difand a botched one.
The items ultimately discovered were
knife, a pair of eye glasses, a ball cap, hree cups and cigarette butts, in addition to the aforementioned objects.
It's the story of a crime scene that a aw enforcement official can live out at any students took home with them as the final SPD Citizens Police Academy topic has been covered.

Tribal Council Has Monthly Meeting in Tampa

BY ADINA LOOCHKARTI

The Tribal Council approved the fol meeting held in Tampa:
Resolution 14: Service agreement with Aim Engineering \& Surveying, Inc. to provide mitigation services for the Rock Mine
for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. 23rd annual work plan submitted to the 23 rd annual work plan submitted to the
South Florida Water Management District by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
Resolution 16: Tribal response pro
gram fiscal year 2011 grant application to gram fiscal year 2011 grant application t the United States Environmental Protection Agency for all reservations of the Seminole
Tribe of Florida for the purpose of public Tribe of Florida for the purpose of p
health and cultural use preservation. Resolution 17: Grant application to the United States environmental protection
agency for funds for the Seminole Tribe of agency for funds for the Seminole Tribe of
Florida water pollution control program. Florida water pollution control program.
Resolution 19: U.S. Department of Justice - office of community oriented policing
services, fiscal year 2010 coordinated tribal services, fiscal year 2010 coordinated tris
assistance grant application, ratification

## CeremonyHeldforCommunication Tower Groundbreaking



Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., center, and Tribal Housing Department staff from eft, Tribal Realty Services Officer Bill Abel and Real Estatat Director Freed Hopkins with Crown caster
International staffortheofficial Hollywood Communications Towerrelocationand groundbreaking ceremony, heldontheHollywoodReservation June 10.ThetowerwasrelocatedfromNorthompleth and operation of the 30 -day project is set for late August to early September.

Native Car Show and Sound Off Brings Crowd


Cars, trucks and motorcycles lined up on display June 19 at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton for the first Native Car Show and Sound Offf The event was spon-
sored by the Brighton Tribal Council office and Custom Sights \& Sounds. Tribal citisored by the Brighton Tribal Council office and Custom Sights $\&$ Sounds. Tribal citi-
zens showed off their custom-designed vehicles and their older, treasured vehicles.
 A sound Ducf and Mike Bless and native food for all to be enjoyed. Pictured is Mo
Pumper Sr's classic car with his previous winning trophies. - Rachel Buxton

Tribal Citizens Dance in the Streets of Immokalee

IMMOKALEE - Dancing in the
streets wasn't just an old cliché at the Imstreets wasn’t just an old cliché at the Im-
mokalee Family Services Department Block mokalee Family Services Department Block
Party on June 24. Community members of all ages literally took to the street to get down and groovy.
The street extension connecting Ethel Frank Court and John Jimmie Boulevard was cordoned off for the erection of a tent and
stage to accommodate the occasion and by stage to accommodate the occasion and by
5 p.m. the area was overflowing with party goers. "This year's theme was designed to promote family togetherness and sober cel ebrations," said Immokalee Family Services
Department Site Supervisor Billie NapperDepartment Site Supervisor Billie Napper
Bodway. "The strength of this reservation is he ability of the residents and employees to pull together as a team and they did an awesome job. Each of the departments contributed food and drink donations along with
decorations game plans and prizes. With the decorations, game plans and prizes. With the community support, success was inevitable.
Entertainment professional Dennis John aka "Big Papa D.J.," had the crowd swaying and singing along to old time rock ' $n$ ' roll as they ate their dinner. Frequently changing the repertoire, dancers quickly finished their meals and then responded to the rhythm
of their favorite music. They were drawn to
the street for couples, solo and line
dancing. tasha Perez from Brighton Fitness tasha Perez from Brighton Fitness
Department arrived with Franky Department arrived with Franky
and the Cheer/Dance Girls. The young multi-talented Franky Huff stimulated his audience with sevras and dance line of cheerleademotivated the group to cheerleaders motivated the
festivities.
with health and life,", said Abus Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins. "It's great to be drug and alcohol
free and getting high on our own Dividing the crowd into groups, they competed for gift card prizes during the dance contest.
Contenders were judged by their peers, who were recruited from th audience. Among the crowd pleasers were 2 -year-old Remy Rodriguez, who rero, who used her electric wheelchair to boogie down with her husband, Juan Tapia. Fred Mullins demonstrated 10 one-handed pushups to lead off a contest for the male participants. It wasn't long before the dance floor was filled with young athletes ea
demonstrate their strength and agility.

the cha-cha slide drew line dancers to thelmmokale Fer Wee hervices Department's Block Party.

During a Brighton challenge, 14-ye old Timmy Bearden took down his compe-
tition with 60 standard pushups and wasn't tition with 60 standard pushups and wasn
even out of breath. Coming in for a close second were Ethan Aguil
Mora and Jack Aguilar.

## Mora and Jack Aguila Proving that fitn

and inspirational, the crowd shouted, "We'r and inspiratio
high on life!"

could hit allould sem, your schedule so you
Marriage and a family also forced Tiger Marriage and a family also forced Tiger
to settle down. Tiger married his wife Lynell in 1978. Tiger said he knew his focus had to in 1978. Tigl
be his family.
As the years went by, Tiger continued
to work and rodeo on the weekends. His events changed as he got older. The bull
riding became his past and steer wresting riding became his past and steer wrestling
and team roping became the forefront of his and teat roping became the forefront cons, his own Seminole community asked him for his help in developing the Brighton rodeo arena. He continued his work with the state and in his free time helped out at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena working behind the scenes in putting on ro-
deos and attracting spectators. In 2009 his work with the Tribe became much more time consuming than he imagined, he said, and eventually made the deci-
sion to retire from the Department of Agrision to retire from the Department of Agri-
culture after 31 years. "I wasn't able to focus on both jobs,"
Tiger said. "I wanted to try to make things Tiger said. "I wanted to try to make things
better here." In just his short time at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena Tiger has made major im-
provements. He said he enjoys being behind provements. He said he enjoys being behind
the scenes and being in the production asthe scenes and being in the production as pec "There's a feeling of achievement," he
aid. "You feel good about what you do."

Amos Tiger stands outside rodeo arena.
Today Tiger is busy promoting Xtreme Tribe sponsors. He still competes in differ ent Indian rodeo circuits teaming up for calf oping however his main focus in on the "Rmith Rodeo Arena. "e," odeo is always a main priority to Tige also just an arena

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Billy L. Cypress Honored in Memorial Run


Family members of the late Billy L. Cypress gathered on the Big Cypress Reservation for the third annual Billy L .
Cypress Memorial Bike Run The Cypress Memorial Bike Run. The event celebrated the avid motorcyclist and war veteran with a motorbike ride
startingattheHardRockHotelinHollywood, continuingthroughClewistonand concludingatthe At-Tha-Thi-Ki startingattheHardRockHotelinHol.
Museum in Big Cypress on June 13.

## Brighton S.W.A.M.P. Teens Delegates Attend SADD Conference in Orlando

## To Gain New Skill in Alcohol/Drug Prevention Education

## BY YALLRRE I.MARONE

 Community Events SoordinatorFamily Sevices Departmantor
ORLANDO - Brighton Recreation and Family vices teamed up to send four S.W.A.M.P. (Seminole eir chaperones to the 2010 National SADD (Student their chaperones to the 2010 National SADD (Students
Against Destructive Decisions) Conference in Orlando
learn the latest in Prevention Education.
Six hundred teens from 37 states and th
Six hundred teens from 37 states and their chaperones gathered June 27-30 for the SADD National Con-
ference to share ideas on how to educate their peers and promote positive decision making.
As part of the conference, S.W.A.M.P. Teens President Timothy Bearden, and members - Colby Herrera, Erik Garcia, and Tatiana Herrera attended wo
aimed at providing students with information about the topics critical to teen health and safety, such as underage drinking, drug abuse
prevention, teen violence and suicide, diversity, driving safety, and bullying. They participated motivational activities and presentations ering ideas that they can now share with their ties. S.W.A.M.P. Teens are dedicated to helping thy Bearden, S.W.A.M.P. Teens President, said, he country who share with teens from around alcohol/drug-free. We learned a lot at the con ference and want to put what we learned into Bearden said they are looking forward to atThe SADD year's conference.
ent city each year to afford young people a new cultural experience. This year in Orlando, students participated
in a community service school supplies drive to benefit students at University High School and were provided an opportunity to experience Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure park.
SADD is a national peer-to-peer youth education and prevention program that is committed to empower-
ing young people to lead prevention initiatives in their ing young people to lead prevention initiatives in their
schools and communities. SADD was founded in 1981 as Students Against Drunk Driving and evolved to address the many destructive behaviors and attitudes that are harmful to young people.
The youth and teens that participate in the
S.W.A.M.P. Alcohol/Drug Prevention meetings are looking forward to sharing what they have learned with their peers in the Brighton community.


From left, Tatiana Herrera, Colby Herrera, Erik Garcia, and Timothy
Native American Comedian
Charlie Hill Entertains Immokalee Tribal Citizens

## $\frac{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}{}$

IMMOKALEE
arlie Hill brought his profive American comedian mokalee Seminole Casino on the evening of June 12 for the exclusive entertainment of the Tribal citizens. A member of the Oneida Nation, Hill was born in
Detroit, Mich., and moved to Wisconsin when he wa 10 . Growing up in the city and on the reservation, he
acquired valuable insight into both exposures. acquired valuable insight into both exposures.
"As a kid, I loved comics and television. I had a "As a kid, I loved comics and television. I had a
dream to someday become a part of that world," said
dill "O Hill. "One of my first entertainment jobs was radio which became a path to the stage and eventually, Lo Angeles. After 35 years in this game, I would have to Hill shows no racial or political bias. His hysteri cally funny repertoire targets all races and issues. His
imitations are right on the mark and his audience readily identified with his satire, which poked fun at the Hollywood stereotypes of cowboys, Indians and the distortion of historical facts. His analysis of politics, economy, global warming, oil in the Gulf of Mexico and military
conflicts around the world drove home some serious conflicts around the world dr
points with innovative humor.
He made a versatile transition to the home front tongue in check scenarios about husbands and idiosyncrasies of elders. His stimulating dissertations Married to a Navajo wo a reservation in Arizona with his wife four children Sharing grandchild. Sharing the stage with Hill was the opening act of
arren Durso. Long time acquaintances, Hill and Dur-
so took part in an interview prior to their performances
during which they recounted their impressions of numerous celebrities. Comparing their appearances on the "David Letterman Show" and "The Tonight Show
with Jay Leno", they branched out into glimpses at the personalities of their fellow comedians. They accredited
comedians George Carlin, Phyllis Diller Rodney Dangerfield, Freddie Prince and Jerry Seinfeld with helping to shape their careers.
flow of fresh material prestation featured a continuous flow of fresh material that injected references to the
Seminoles, Florida swamplands, and alligator encounSeminoles, Florida swamplands, and alligator encoun-
ters with which the audience readily identified. Following the show, Hill descended from the stage to mingle with the audience for personal introductions, photos and autographs.
entertainmentian Charlie Hill is one of the first of several mier Entertainment, a privately owned Tribal enterprise.


From left, Pete Aguilar, Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Charlie Hill and Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul
Bowers Sr. talk about Native American humor.

Seminole Moments Brings Story Telling at Hollywood Headquarters


SPD Sergeant Excels in Community Service BY LT. JERRY MEISENHEIMER

Recently, Sergeant Angela Comito was awarded
the 2009 Officer Brighton, Tampa, and Fort Pierce communities. The award was presented by Police Chief William R. Latch-
ford at the annual Public Safety Recognition Luncheon, ford at the annual Public Safety Recognition Luncheon,
held at the Hollywood Hard Rock held at the Hollywood Hard Rock
Sgt. Comito began her career with SPD in 2001 as
a Hollywood patrol officer. A year later she transferre to the Brighton Reservation. After only four years, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant.
In 2008, Sgt. Comito's initiatives in mentoring the
Brighton youth were brought to the attention of Chief
Putic Brighton youth were brought to the attention of Chief
Public Safety Officer, Jerry Wheeler She had Public Safety Officer, Jerry Wheeler. She had taken a
personal interest in some of the Tribal girls who had personal interest in some of the Tribal girls who had
been going through some social and educational issues. Through her example, a mentoring program was started to serve all the reservations' youth. A short time
later, the police department formed a new unit called the later, the police department formed a new unit called the
Youth \& Elder Welfare Unit Sot Comito was named Youth \& Elder Welfare Unit. Sgt. Comito was named
the supervisor of this unit for the Brighton, Fort Pierce the supervisor of this unit for the Brighton, Fort Pierce,
and Tampa Reservations. Today, the unit consists of ten sworn law enforcement personnel, along with four po-
lice service aides.
Some of the other ways Sgt. Comito has had an ef fect on the various communities is her involvement in a Guest Reader Program, where police and fire staff,
celebrities, and others travel to the different schools to celebrities, and others travel to the different schools to
read stories to the children. She has also set up haunted read stories to the children. She has also set up haunted
houses in Brighton and Fort Pierce during Halloween. The displays are very realistic and the kids love them. SPD staff and their families play the parts of the gruesome actors in the haunted house. After everyone goes
through the display, the reservation kids participate through the display, the reservation kids participate in
a "Lock-in" in the gym. They watch movies, listen to a Lock-in in the gym. They watch movies, listen to
guest speakers, have pizza, and sleep in sleeping bags on the gym floor until morning.
Sgt. Comito has also been instrumental in setting up the Brighton SPD staff Christmas parties each year. She also assists the Brighton Tribal Council staff when they go out to purchase all the gifts and door prizes for com-
munity and employee Christmas events. Sgt. Comito munity and employee Christmas events. Sgt. Comito
has been credited with being a positive role model for her many, many endeavors.
Because of the efforts and dedication of Sgt. Co
mito and many other employees of SPD, the missio statement of the police department is being put into ac statement of the police department is being put into ac-
tion. That statement calls for being committed to giv-
 ust 5 . Shen live was in Hollywood and in Lake Placid (High She graduated from Lake Placid High School in 1995 3eing very mature for her age, Sgt. Comito already
wned her own home at 17 . She had a strong desire to get into law enforcement. At 18, she was employed as
a a dispatcher for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and then transferred to the City of Sebring.
After graduating in 1998 from the police academy
Winter Haven Florida, she became a police office at Winter Haven, Florida, she became a police officer
for the Sebring Police Department and stayed there for for the Sebring Police Departm
three years before joining SPD.
When asked what the one $m$
When asked what the one memory is that stands ou in her life, Sgt. Comito said that she was driving home rom work at 3 a.m., when she was just 17 . She caugh
a glimpse of someone lying in the grass on the side of glimpse of someone lying in the grass on the side of
the road. She stopped and found a young man who had crashed his motorcycle. He had a broung back and many crashed his motorcycle. He had a broken back and many
serious injuries. She called for help and stayed with him antil police and rescue arrived. She said she feels that Thould certainly have died if she had not been there That experience convinced her to become a police of
ficer.
Sgt. Comito is married to her husband, Chris; and hey have two boys. They live in a new home they buil
in Lake Placid. The family attends St. James Catholic Church, which actually abuts to their backyard. He boys are very active in baseball and football, which
makes her a sports' mom. Sgt Comito is dedicated to makes her a sports' mom. Sgt. Comito is dedicated to
her family, the police department, and the Semine her family, the
Tribe of Florida.


Junior Buster/ Jimmie Robert Memorial Music Jamboree

Daisy Jumper Buster sings with her son Paul "Chunky"
Buster at the fifth annual JuBuster at the fifth annual Junior Buster/Jimmie Rober
Memorial Music Memorial Music Jamboree
on June 25 at the Hard Rock
Hotel \& Casino. Father Paul Hotel \& Casino. Father Paul
Buster said the memorial is Buster said the memorial is
inhonorof limmie Robertand of his dad, Junior, who used to

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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Immokalee Community Marks Independence Day with Fireworks, Carnival and Picnic

## BY JUDY WEEKS

 Freelance ReporterIMMOKALEE - A dazzling show of ebration of the birth of our nation on the eve ning of July 4. founders of the United States of America declared their independence on this date," said Aguilar. "Since that day, people of many cultures have fought and died to defend their
freedom and homelands. Eventually, we be-
came one nation of people, different in many came one nation of people, different in many
ways, who share one thing in common love of freedom and the hope for a bright future for our descendents.
The Immokalee celebration got underway at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the ball field. It was comrary tattoos, balloon animals, personalized T-shirts and a caricature artist, personalized Magician a caricature artist. Magician David Kaplan took center with a series of red, white and blue illusions.

Incorporating his audience into the act, he performed numerous card, rope and slight of A large cro
A large crowd gathered to share the traditional picnic of hamburgers, hot doga-
potato salad and big slices of ice cold watermelon that have come to be a symbol of July As dusk descended upon the gathering, an hour-long display of fireworks burst forth in celebration of freedom and gave tribute to
our veterans who have sacrificed so much to preserve that freedom.


Left, Remy Rodriguez dances to the carnival music during the Immokalee fourth of July celebration organized at the ball field. Center, Nehemiar ized T-shirts and a caricature artist. Right photo, all decked out for Independence Day, Jaylee Jimmie looks like a Little Miss Firecracker. - Judy Weeks


Independence Day Brings More Than Fireworks to Hollywood

Photo above, Talia Rodriguez, left, and Me lina Gentry are all smile as they enjoy snow
cones at the Fourth of July carnival cones at the Fourth of July carnival. Right
photo, Maggie Puente, upper right, enjoys photo, Maggie Puente, upper right, enjoys
the fireworks show with son Jose Puente Jr. anddaughter, GracePuenteattheHollywood softball fields July 3. The festivities also included rides, foods, apettingzoo, gam
bounce houses throughout the day.


Big Cypress Community Takes Fourth of July Celebration to the Softball Field


Naji Tobias


Naji Tobias
Big Cypress Tribal citizen and Smoothie ontestant Janice freshment to Nathaniel Jim, 13.


NoellaDyanO'Donnellplays round of horseshoes.


Naji Tobi the men's and co-ed categorie of the horseshoe tournament.


Mahala Billie-Osceola, 7, left and Alena Stockton, 8, have a blast on the dolphin water slide at the Big Cypres Fourth of July celebration. About 200 Big Cypress and Immokalee Tribal citizens, community members and em ployees participated in the Fourth of July celebration on July 3 at the Softball Field.


Dane Billie, 5 , left, and Tyee Thorpe, 8 , have fun at the water maze.

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY



Emma Urbina, front, throws a ringer as Diane Smith, back, watches

Brighton Has Fourth of July Friendly Competition


The Brighton community didn'tlet a little rain dampen their Fourth of July celebration, held July 2 . Community members enjoyed an afternoon of a tivities outside the Brighton gym and softball fields before having to move inside of the gym due to weather conditions. Before the rain came, adult competed in events including horseshoes and golf while the younger ones tested their physical imits in recreation field events. Once in the gym, th races against the clock in the obstacle course. - Rachel Buxto

July Fourth Fun Walk Kicks Off WeekendCelebrationinHollywood


Members of the Huggins, Chris C. Jenkins completing a 1-mile walk in the Fourth of July fun-walk held at the Hollywood Reservation softball field on July 3. The participants received trophies, hats, flags and leis.


Agnes Billie-Motlow with pet Horatio shows off her trophy after completing the fun-walk


Chrissy Tommie shows off her patriotism on her face after visitin David Baum painting booth at the fun zone.


Ramone Baker, left, tries to keep the ball away from Deagan Osceola during the 3-on-3 youth basketball Fourth of July competition held July 1 in the Brighton gym.


Heith Lawrence gets ready to take a big bite of apple pie in the pie eating contest.

Rachel Buxton

Fort Pierce Shows Patriotism with Fellowship


## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS <br> Staying Safe During and After a Storm

## Brighton, Fort Pierce and Tampa Reservation

By now, most of us have heard the news: There
probably be a lot of tropical storms and hurricane ar, although we don't know exactly where thes storms will be headed. And since the statistical prob ability is high for a strike by at least one major hurrican
somewhere along Florida's Atlantic or Gulf coasts b the time the Atlantic Hurricane Season ends on Nov. 30 the Department of Emergency Management has been
urging all Tribal members and employees to start preurging all Tribal members and employees to start preting together an Emergency Supplies Kit.

The 2010 All Hazards Guide, now available at all
Yet beyond the single message of Prepare Now,
Nere's another aspect of storm and severe weather survival that is equally important: Coping with disruption: that might occur such as a loss of power and staying
safe during and after a storm. If you decide to remain in safe during and after a storm. If you decide to remain in
your home instead of going to a shelter, following a few your home instead of going to a shelter, following a few
basic tips and safety guidelines will help you deal with basic tips and safety guidelines will help you deal with
some typical challenges that may occur and help prevent some the and injuries for you and your family members.

Downed power lines. Remember, after a storm, downed power lines may still be energized and are ex-
tremely dangerous. They may be in contact with a tre or debris on the ground. Look around and size up the ation before venturing out doors.
Generators. While generators are a great tool for providing temporary power during outages, they can
also be very dangerous if not used properly tors run on either gasoline, propane or diesel fuel, all of which produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes (a
odorless, colorless gas). When in use, generators nee ample ventilation, which means always using them out side and well away from open windows, vents or doors.
(Please make sure that your neighbor's home is safe from the exhaust of your generator). Never run a por table generator inside the home or in an enclosed space,
such as a garage. Yet despite this warning, many people noxide poisoning from not using generators properly. daden headache is one of the signs of carbon monoxWhen fueling your gend take care. had a chance to "cool down" and be very careful of the hot areas when adding the fuel. Never plug the generamay "feedback" electricity into a damaged power lin Grills and Cooking Jomeone.
$\qquad$ best advice is it grill uses fuel to cook food. The means never using it inside the home or in an enclosed
met ce, and keeping it away from open windows, vents sons. Over the years, many people have set their de or in an enclosed space such as a garage. If conds outside prevent using a grill, eat non-perishable weather clears.
open flame inside the home during a storm. This
Paula Bowers-Sanchez, Hard Rock International and Seminole Tribe Support the Ann\&George LopezFoundation

## AND THE ANN AND GEORGE LOPEZ FOUNDATION

LOS ANGELES - Celebrities golfed for a good George Lopez Foundation at the sold out third annual George Lopez Foundation at the sold out third annua
George Lopez Celebrity Golf Classic. The event raised Presented by Ann and George International and The Seminole Tribe of Florida, this is the first fundraiser to benefit the foundation, which was confronting challenges in education and health, and to increase awareness of kidney disease and organ dona-
ing organizations we have supported so many deserv cause close to our hearts by launching this foundation,' said Ann and George Lopez. "We are grateful to have appreciate the support of all our friends, sponsors and
the community""
Tribal citizen Paula Bowers-Sanchez performed
at the dinner and was recognized for her participation at the dinner and was recognized for her participation
in raising sponsorship money for the event. Bowersin raising sponsorship money for the event. Bowers-
Sanchez is also the Goodwill Ambassador for the Ann and George Lopez foundation to help bring awareness
to Native American Tribes about the importance of preventing kidney disease and diabetes and improving the
health and well being among Native health and well being among
kidney disease and diabetes
"I have personally seen how kidney disease and across America, this is my chance to make a differenc by bringing awareness through education for the pre-
vention and or treatment of kidney disease and diabevention and or treatment of kidney disease and diabe-
tes," she continued. "With the help of Ann and George An impressive a gathering of celebrities participated in the event including Samuel L. Jackson, Dennis Quaid,
 Oscar de la Hoya, Glenn Frey, Christina Kim, Jimmy Jam, Tony Dovolani, Dennis Haysbert, George Eads,
Sugar Ray Leonard, Jack Wagner, Hill Harper, Harold Sugar Ray Leonard, Jack Wagner, Hill Harper, Harold
Perrineau, Aimee Garcia, Bill Bellamy, Jimmy Jam, Joe Mantegna, Patrick Warburton, Mike Comrie, Kevin Sor

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or visit. www.pau-
labowerssanchez. pez pose at the third annual George Lopez Celebrity Golf Classic

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monoxide. Battery powered flashlights and lamps are a much safer alternative light source. Should a fire start in your home during a storm, the Tribe or local fire depart-
ment and paramedics may not be able to immediately respond if the sustained (constant) winds of a storm are at a certain speed, generally 45 mph or greater. Fire rescue vehicles are "high profile" and become unstable in winds that reach that level.
Passing the Time. Durig

Passing the Time. During a storm, keep in mind that it could be several hours before conditions improve - so include some activities and entertainment that will help you and your family pass the time more quickly. Have on hand items such as a deck of playing cards, board games, books and other reading materials, and even a portable DVD player with a fully charged battery (and plenty of DVDs). Consider purchasing a portable digital
television to use during a loss of power and/or the home television to use during a loss of power and/or the home
satellite or cable signal. Digital portable TVs are available at a variety of stores for less than $\$ 100$ and can receive local broadcasts "over the air" without having a satellite or cable connection. They also typically use a variety of power sources such as a vehicle adapter. And remember to include an inexpensive, battery powered
AM/FM radio for weather, storm updates and entertainment.

For kids, especially younger ones, select items that from the storm. Examples for fun and learning include a few of their favorite books, crayons, pencils or marking of favorite toys such as a doll or action figure; a puzzle with lots of pieces; stuffed animals; play people figures and vehicles; pictures of family members and the pet;
and a box with a few favorite items to make them feel

Finally, any discussion on how to survive a storm "Emergency Pet Kit" that includes a current color photo of each pet showing distinguishing markings and a copy of vaccination records. Include a two-week supply of food, medicine, plenty of water, cat litter, treats, toys, a blanket, and cleaning supplies. Also, it's a good idea to preplan for a possible evacuation, so have a crate or carrier available to transport your pet that's large enough
for them to stand in and turn around. Find safe places in the area to take your pet such as pet friendly motels, kennels, veterinarian offices with boarding facilities, and the homes of friends or family. Make sure that your pet's identification tag on the collar is current.

Taking the time now to plan for alternative ways power outage as well as how to survive during and after a storm while staying safe, will greatly benefit you and your family members should we experience severe weather this year. Make sure you have your copy of the All Hazard Guide that is available at all Tribal communities, and visit the Department of Emergency Manage-
ment website at http://www stofemd ment website at hitp://www.stofemd.com/for an online
version of the guide and for additional information. Contact the Department of Emergency Management at any of our offices in Hollywood (954-966-6300, ext. 11773), Big Cypress (863-983-2150, ext. 12740) or
Brighton ( $863-357-7620$, ext. 15805) The Brighton (863-357-7620, ext. 15805). The Department can also be contacted outside of normal business hours
at 1-800-617-7514.


## Elders Visit Crazy Horse Memorial

## Coyburementomes

 Seminole elders recently made a trip toCrazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota's
Black Hills. Black Hills. The elders attended the June 26 night
blast that marked the 134th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 and the 84th birthday of Ruth Ziolkowski, the
memorial's president, chief executive and memorial's president, chief executive and
wife of the sculptor's founder, the late Korczak Ziolkowski.
On June 3, 1948 Korczak and Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear founded the nonprofit memorial to honor Lakota leader Crazy Horse and the history and culture
of all North American Indians. After 62 years, the world's largest mountain carving in progress thrives as a privately funded educational endeavor. Crazy Horse Memorial sponsors include? the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Educational and Cultural Center, the Na-
tive American Scholarship Fund and now the first University Student Living and Learning Center, the start of the Ameri-
can Indian University of North America at can Indian U

## SAFETY CORNER

Learn How to Protect Your Home from Fires

## $\frac{\text { BY CHIEF DAVID LOGAN }}{\text { Fire Marshal }}$

As a part of the Senior Safety Program for the
month of June, Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue conducted a Fire in the Home presentation at the Immokalee, Ho lywood, Brighton, Tampa and Big Cypress Elder Affair
$\qquad$ The purpose of this presentation was to remind Tribal seniors about the importance of fire safety practices within their homes. Home fires can develop rapidly
and become uncontrollable within a matter of seconds. Therefore, the department wanted to matter of sertain that everyone knows exactly what to do.

Most fire fatalities - Occur at residences duing the nighttime when people are asleep. In most cases that involved deaths, there were no working smoke detectors present. This was due to a missing, disconnected or dead batery. Smoke inhalation is the major cause of death ed by the toxic fuses which are produced when hocitat hold materials are burning. Smoke detectors provide a chance
too late. $\qquad$ changed once every six months or at Daylight Savin Time. A smoke detector that chirps every few second should have its battery replaced. Woring smoke detec fire by 50 percent. tentional incidents, such as unattended cooking, over loaded electrical equipment, un-extinguished cigarettes


Pictured are President Richard Bowers, Nancy J. Willie, Ruth Ziolkowski udy Baker, Ollie Balentie, Judy Jones, Elsie J. Bowers, Nettie Stewart, Cole nan Josh, Dorothy Josh, Lawanna Oscela Niles, Bobbie L. Billie, Connie Also part of the group, but not shown are Scarlest Jumper, Tiana young, Naomi Fewell, Cynthia Douglas, Jayne Salgado, Kenneth Bayon, Wilmeth an Courtney, Ruscilla Tiger, Treasurer Michael D. Tiger and Judy Tiger.

## Osceolas Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage



Left photo, from left, Marie and Jimmie Osceola renew their wedding vows in th
presence of family and friends, while cel presence of family and friends, while ce
ebrating half of century together. Photo below, several generations of Osceolas
gathered at the Hard Rock June 10 to celgathered at the Hard Rock June 10 to cel-
ebrate the 50 th anniversary of Jimmie and Marie Osceola (middle in white) The eve ning also featured dinner, a live band, and well-wishes from family and friends.


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## Big Cypress Community Celebrates Father's Day with Luncheon



Tribal citizens enjoy a holiday luncheon sponsored by former Big Cypress Tribal citizens enjoy a holiday luncheon sponsored by former Big Cypres
Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress and the Big Cypress Councilman's Office
 Community's Father's Day.


Tauni Cypress, 6, rides her skateboard down the table aisles before lunch is served.

Four Generations of Fathers Get Together in Naples to Be Honored by Their Families

NAPLES - Residents of the Na ples community reserved a dining room at Don Shula's Steak House for a Fa-
ater's Day luncheon on June 20. With more than 60 participants, the group represented four generations. The tables were clustered to create
a family atmosphere for the sharing of

smile as he watched the Naples comm
nity children laughing and playing. nity children laughing and playing. and get away from my father, Corey, as he sat in his chair for family gatherings. kids alone. They aren't hurting any thing.' Now that I have reached his age, I


Maggie Porter tells her dad, Ingram Billie, Jr. that everyday is Father's Day.

Brighton Dads Awarded and Entertained on Their Day

none other than Hooters an
nfamous Hooter girls. ployes being treated to a lunch catered Fitness Department added a little on an obstacle course fo
all the fathers and grand-
father fathers vying for the ulti-
mate mate title of "Man of the

The timed obstacle course included activity stations where the men
showed off their parshowed off their par dolls. Fathers raced to change diapers, feed ba bies and get them dressed for the day Tribal employee Jose G cia of Broadcasting won the "Everything's new. We're going further Man Award" honor with an in the future, just bringing , whole bunch amazing time of 2 minutes and 29 seconds. Garcia received


Jose Garcia holds up his Man Award trophy as he is announced Man of the Year

Immokalee Emphasizes Importance of Father Figures in Communities
 IMMOKALEE time for us to acknowledge "Father's Day is a played by father figures in the important role mokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar "Some of you are fortunate enough to be able to spend time with your dads. For those of you
who do not share this privilege, it is important to remember that you are not alone. Your grand fathers and clan uncles can have a very positive impact upon your lives. The old adage that it takes a village to raise a child still rings true." derful extended families," concluded Liaison Aguilar. "Life is a journey of survival and achievement and we should be grateful to these men who are here to help give us guidance." A casino theme transformed the Immokalee
Gym on the evening of June 18 providing the Gym on the evening of June 18, providing the
ideal atmosphere for the annual Father's Day ideal atmosphere or the annual Father's Day
celebration raffle. Every father in the Immocelebration raffie. Every father in the Immo-
kalee community received a ticket that offered
an equal opportunity to win one of the extraordi an equal opportunity to win one of the extraordinary prizes that lined the wall of the gym.
These included watches, luggage, sports These included watches, luggage, sports ty furrounded by family members, communi coolers, tools, fishing equipment, electronics, generous slices from enormous gourmet cakes
power tools, power tools, cameras, tents and barbecue grills. in honor of the occasion.


Immokalee fathers were honored with a celebration on their special day, June 18.


From left, Briote Alexander, Brichay Alexander and Brian-Jaymes Alexander celebrate Father's Day with Lucie. Together they enjoyed games of bowling, laser tag, mini golf and a dinner for the Fort Pierce com munity and employees.
Fort Pierce Offers Fathers a Night of Fun


Kevin Tommie Sr. focuses on the pins as he en-


Kevin Tommie Sr. focuses on the pins as he en-
joys several games of bowling at the Fort Pierce
Dean Stokes Jr. enjoys the Fort Pierce Father's Day ce joys several games of bow
Father's Day celebration.


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On behalf of Seminole Heritage Events \& Promotions and The Seminole Star Search program, we are proud to announce the addition of a new category for Seminole Star Search; The "Senior / Elder" category!

In keeping with Seminole tradition, the new category will be open to all Tribal Elders 55 and over.

With your support and encouragement we feel that you as tribal elders, with your positive life experiences in music, can pass on this knowledge to the generations of up and coming talent on all Seminole Tribe reservations.


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## Education

Trail Students Receive Incentive Awards


The Trail community students are
all smiles as they all smiles as they
come together in celebration
of their
Incentive Awards CerCemonyon June 16,
with Trial Tutor
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$\checkmark$ SEE STORY, PHOTOS AND RESULTS ON 2B

## Bryan Arledge Ready to Give Back

 to Tribe after Completing College

Bryan Arledge shares his special day with mother Arica Buck

A and C Entertainment Present Short Film on Tribal Culture at Workshop
$\frac{\text { BY ALISIA BILLIE, ELENA JIM, AND JESSE MITCHELL }}{\text { SMP Youth Workshop Participants }}$ HOLLYWOOD - During the week of the fourth annual Youth Media Workshop, A and C plaining the importance of Seminole arts and crafts. Elena Jim, Jesse Mitchell, and Alisia Billia
formed the A and C formed the A and C group, which told the stor
of a grandmother's desire to pass along the ar and practice of Seminole patchwork to her granddaughter in the film. Billie took on the role of
grandmother and Jim portrayed the granddaugh-

Their project came as part of a week-long assignment produced by the three June 21-26.
"I really liked the topic because of what it wa and I enjoy doing it," said Billie of her group's choice of subject matter. "You are always abl
learn a little more each time you do it also." Billie's own personal interest in arts and crafts, beadwork in particular, completes three generations of instruction. She said she was
taught by her grandmother Jane Billie, and aunt Alice Billie.

Tribal elder Betty Osceola also made a cameo
 age of nine. ue to
aids. ional patterns.
he began learning and developing her skills at the
surviving [doing that all our lives we have been erglades we did not have to do anything too much but in town and in the city it [making and selling arts and crafts] helped make us money," Osceola said. "We have just kept going over the years -
that is just what we do. We used to ing [arts and crafts] we used to make it by dowant to teach crafts] so we do not want to quit. We picked it up, some have not." The traditional trades of the Seminoles have been perfected over several centuries. All are customs which continue to be passed on to future As a cottage industry, all these crafts contin-

Patchwork sewing is known as the process sewing pieces of cloth into rows of designs, joined to make garments. Throughout the years Seminole women have used small, hand-cranked sewing machines as well as the modern devices creating fire, rain, storms and other designs in trabers Elena Jim, far left, Alisia Billie and Jesse Mitchell.

Tribal Youth Graduates Paladin Academy


Hollywood Tribal youth Echo Wolf, left, and Aaron Osceola, right, graduate from the eighth grade at Paladin Academy in Weston on June 111.They will be moving, on to the ninth grade to further theireduca-
tionstudiesinAugust.Meanwhile fellowHollywoodTribal student JordanOsceolagraduatedhighschoo from Paladin Academy on the same day. The graduation ceremony was held at Grand Palms Resort in Pembroke Pines.


## HJS Productions Feature

 Short Film at Youth Media Workshopig 1990, in Mosca, Colo., the park offers hands-on half-day
in classes where they teach students how to handle two- to 10 foot alligators. It is located 17 miles north of Alamosa, Colo., and includes a bird sanctuary, reptile rescue, education and
display, and biodome. display, and biodome.

Step 3: Research alliganimal park.
ing books about alligator wrestling and watching videos to study the techniques used by professionals.
Step 4: Observe alligators in the field by becoming comfortable around alligators familiar with their natural environ ment.
Step 5: Start small. The first alligator to wrestle should
be small to maximize safety Move up very slowly from smaller to larger alligators and be respectful of the animals and their danger and abilities.
Step 6: Know how to wrestle free from an alligator.
When on land get on the alligator's back and apply pressur When on land, get on the alligator's back and apply pressure
to his neck, forcing the head and jaws down. Then cover the alligator's eyes. If the alligator attacks, use a weapon or a fis on the eyes and nose.

Tips and warnings include: avoid an alligator attack by not swimming or wading in areas where alligators live, neve feed alligators or interfere with babies or eggs or let your arms or legs dangle from the side of a boat, do not harass o
try to capture an alligator, if an alligator gets you in its jaws try to keep his mouth clamped shut so that it can not shake you or roll you over, and if an alligator attacks you, seek medical attention immediately, regardless of the size of the cut or bruise.

Brighton Seniors Ready to Take Their Next Academic Step

## Trail Community Students Receive Incentive Awards

## BY NAJITOBIAS

MIAMI - Before taking flight to the Bahamas for the Tribe's annual graduates' trip on quality time with the community's students a the Trail Incentive Awards Ceremony.
Held at the Dave and Buster's Restaurant Held at the Dave and Buster's Restaurant in the Dolphin Ma', Liaison Osceola noted
several of the Tribe's educational achievements several of the Tribe s educational achievement
and advancements from the past 25 years very important accomplishment to him. "We came from poverty," Osceola said.
"We were poor, but we are rich in culture. "We were poor, but we are rich in culture.
We've had kids who have graduated from Florida State and the University of Miami. Ev
ery Tribal member can go to any college in th ery Tribal member can go to any college in the
world he wants to now. The Tribe has its organization in 52 countries. I'm happy we've accomplished that."
Talking directly to the Trail community
students at the podium, Osceola told
them that they have a lot of options afthem that they have a lot of options af "You can become an executive or you can become a lawyer," he said. Nothing can stop you from what you ing this far . ongratulations for comIready proud of you." The awards presentation also inluded a special PowerPoint presentaton, highlighting all the achievements or the community students made he Miccosukee Indian Schic year at Trail's tutoring program.

After that, the Trail youngsters received their Incentive Awards cer ificates as they relished in a few photo
opportunities with Liaison Osceola and the Trail community's education staff. Seminole Tribe Tutoring Coordinator Juliss nator Julissa
Collazo noted that 90 perce
of all the con of all the co
munity's ch dren were tively enroll in the pro
gram, which gram, which is The tutoring sessions, which include one-
geared toward offering
ofd cialized home- all Tribal children in the area from Mondays work help on through Thursdays at a small schoolhouse lothe weekdays cated in the Trail community site. The schoolCollazo said hailing from the Miccosukee Indian School. she was im- "We've seen a lot of improvements with
pressed by the our students," Trail Office Manager Michael level of com- Cantu said. "A lot of it has to do with our tutormunity and ing program. Our students have improved with family sup- their attendance and grades. They were more port shown encouraged to come out to school and do well.,
throughout the
It all showed in the strides they made this yearr." throughout the It all showed in the strides they made this year."
year.
To achieve Incentive Award status, a Tribal "It is tru- student must receive at least a 2.5 grade point $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ly a pleasure } & \text { average for the school year. } \\ \text { working with } & \text { As a result, a total of } 28 \text { Trail students were }\end{array}$ working with As a result, a total of 28 Trail students were
the Trail chil- rewarded with a trip to Chicago, courtesy of Li$\begin{aligned} & \text { dren," Collazo aison Osceola and the Trail Education Depart- } \\ & \text { said. "I would } \\ & \text { ment. The trip was held from July 5-9. }\end{aligned}$

Kindergarten Graduates: 1. Mae'anna Osceola-Hart, 2. Aaliyah Phillips; Grade Point Average - 3.0-3.75: 1. Morgan Bert, 2. Darian Cypress-Osceola, 3. Courtney GordonJumper,8.AngelinaOsceola, 9. .JayaO sceola, 10. NichelleOsceo,la,11.SadrilynnTiger;GradePointAverage - 3.76-3.99: 1. Davina Osceola, 2. Kailani Osceola, 3. KayleneOsceola, 4. John Kyle Osceola Jr., 5. Dionah Osceola-Bert; Improved GPA: 1. Elena J.im, 2. Drew Osceola;GoodAttendance:1.DavenaOsceola,2.Kailani Osceola; Perfect Attendance:1.Dionah Osceola-Bert;
Good Effort: 1. Cassidy Bert, 2. Destiny Jim, 3. Dorian Jumper, 4. Eden Jumper, 5. Franklin Jumper, 6. Alana Roberts,7.DonteOsceola-Tiger,8.JonahTigertail-Billie, 9. Noah Tigertail-Billie.


The Trail community youth and their Liaison, William Osceola, share a moment at the Trail Incentive Awards on June 16.


After the Trail Incentive Awards presentation, the Trail staff spent a little time to cel ebrate all the accomplishment made throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. From left are Trail Adult Vocational Assistant Michelle Woods, Trail Tutor Coordinator Julissa
Collazo, Trail Field Office Administrative Assistant/Tribal Citizen Marcella Billie, Adult VoCotilazo, , rrail Field Office Administrative Assistant/Tribal Cititizen Marcella Billie, Adult Vo-
cational Administrator Marie Dufour, Trail Office Manager/Tribal Citizen Michael Cantu, Tribal Student Darion Cypress Osceola, Trail Liaison William Osceola, Trail Education Tribal Student Darion Cypress Osceola, Traiil Liaison William Osceooa, Trail Educa
Advisor Will Bacon and Tribal Citizen/Work Experience Participant Kelli Tigertail.

Tribal Youth Take Trip to Clewiston Library


Clewiston Library Assistant Maria Antunez, left, reads the book "I Wish I Was Strong Like Manuel" to the Tribal youth toward the end of the hour-long afternoon tour on July 1. The trip concluded with the Tribal youngsters working on a coloring session to their reading.

Clewiston Library
Assistant Shirley Assistant Shirley Reynolds, right, ex-
plains to the Tribal plains to the Tribal
youthhowtocheck out and return a
book at the facilbook at the facil-
ity's circulation
desk. desk.



Clewiston Library Assistant Shirley Reynolds takes the Tribal youth to the nonfiction book section on the library tour on July 1 . Five Big Cypress and Brighton youngsters embarked on an educational trip to the Clewiston Library, hosted by the Big Cypress Library staff. Accompanied by the costumed-fictional character Horrid Henry and Big Cypress Library Assistants Gretchen DeBree and Melissa Silva, the Tribal youth participants are in the middle of the
Big Cypress Summer Reading Program, which is primarily based on the fictitious character. The trip was meant for the Tribal youngsters tofamiliarize themselves with the facility, according to DeBree. The Summer Reading Program the Tribal youngstersto
lasted from June 21-July 15 at the Big Cypress Library.


The Tribal youth poses at the Clewiston Library tour; from The Tribal youth poses at the Clewiston Library tour;from
left, Nyah Davidson, Shana Balentine, Bly Davidson, Sileft, Nyah Davidson, Shana Balentine, Bly Davidson, Si-
erra Bowers and Janessa Jones.


Nyah Davidson, 8, reads "Charlotte's Web" with Big Cypress Library Curator Gretchen DeBree.



Native guest speaker and Indian Housing Consultant Donna Fairbanks talks to conference guests about the positive impact of educatior

## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

FORT LAUDERDALE - The Native Learning Center held its second annual summer conference with big support and success beachside at the plush Fort Lau
derdale Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The event was June 8-1 of educators providing specialized insight into severa important and education-related topics in the Native communities including: financial wellness, grant writ
ing, Tribal nonprofits, trust management, solar energy ing, Tribal nonprofits, trust management, solar energ.

Native Learning Center's Summer Conference Gathers Natives Nationwide

During opening ceremonies of the conference, Tribal
Board President Richard Bowers Jr. praises the efforts Board President Richard Bowe
of the Native Learning Center.


Fromleft,Tobyand Reed Gopherdisplaysomeofthe traditional attire during the Evolution of Seminole


Chris C. Jenkins Pemaytv Emahakv Charter School Cultural Program Director LoreneGopherdiscussesthelanguage curriculumintheDevel-
ing Language Preservation Curriculum class. said. "We want to provide the best skills we can
so Natives can take the skills they learn back to so Natives can take the skills they learn back to
their own Tribes. We hope when you leave here ple and be inspe you can use ", said Holly Tiger-Bowers, Native their own Tribes. We hope when you leave here, Learning Center Executive Director, to the dozens of attendees during opening ceremonies. "One of the things
we do not see as Natives but hope to change is us helping one another and empowering each other." Tiger-Bowers said this year's participation numbers reached triple digits with Tribal representation from throughout Native Country states such as Arizona,
California, Oklahoma and Michigan California, Oklahoma and Michigan.

He Tribe has allowed me to be a part of this and


Tribal and Native American attendees soak up the knowledge they gained from the Native Learning Center's second annual
$u$ have better ideas, solutions and gain friends."
Tribal Council and Board of Directors members also made appearances in support. network with people from a great opportunity to also will help to teach ourselves to do better as a Tribe and among others," Tribal Board President
Richard Bowers Jr. said. Richard Bowers Jr. said.

This is a way to share our knowledge," Hol"I look [at this] as a way to not only be teachers
"I but also learn something as well."
First-year attendee Nakia Zavalla-Lent of
the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Tribe of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Tribe of California said she heard of the conference in the In
dian Country Today publication As a presente dian Country Ioday publication. As a presenter
and instructor for Language Credentialing and Language Legislation workshops throughout the week she said she was impressed with the diverse sessions offered and the strong support by Tribal
officials. officials.
it has opened up a lot of doors I never a variety it has opened up a lot of doors I never thought
about," Zavalla-Lent said. "To see all the Tribal leadership support and welcome us was very overwhelming and inviting. It made us as guests
feel right at home."
The Native Learning Center was established in
2008 with support and funding by U.S. Department 2008 with support and funding by U.S. Department
of Housing and Urban Development with the mission of Housing and Urban Development with the mission
of providing Native and Indigenous people with skills and knowledge to improve their quality of life through housing-related educational programs.
It offers free courses and training to Native Ameri-
cans to address the specific educational needs of Tribal
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Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. looks over the agenda while attending the Financial Wellness class on the confer ence's first day.

## Children Explore Their Talents at Naples Music Camp

Br JUDY WEEKS

NAPLES - The Juanita Osceola Center in Naples vibrated with the beating of drums, strumming of guitars and voices
raised in song by the children attending Muraised in song by the children attending Mu--
sic Camp on the evenings of June 21 and 22 .

This was the second exposure of these young budding musicians to Native Music Rocks. Casper and the 602 Band, comprised of Casper Lomayesva, William Banks, Jus-
tin Banks and Dwayne Dedrick, had left tin Banks and Dwayne Dedrick, had left a
lasting impression during their first visit a lasting impression during their first visit a
few months earlier and the students eagerly awaited their return.
With diverse levels of talent and age With diverse levels of talent and age
groups the camp covered a wide range of groups, the camp covered a wide range of
possibilities. For some of the children, this possibilities. For some of the children, this was an introduction of primary musical
skills, while others are taking music lessons, play in school bands or have enjoyed onstage experience.
"I was brought here to teach and inspire youth," said Casper. "Instead, they have taught me about what it means to be
inspired." inspired."
Drums Drums, tambourines, keyboards, gui-
tars, vocals and more opened new avenue of expression to the younger generation of the Naples Community. Regardless of experience, the camp held rewarding aspects for
all of its participants all of its participants
Some band stud
portunity to experiment with this as an op of instruments and become more creative Meanwhile, the novice group learned about rhythm, recognition of notes and played
their first chords. their first chords.
music camp started them along a road that by the end of the second sessi
uses instruments to make noise that is pleas- ladies were ready to perform.
ing to the ear.
As a winning vocal artist in the Semi- termined that everyone looked at the camp As a winning vocal artist in the Semi- termined that everyone looked at the camp nole Star Search competition, Tori Osceola as a beginning of a great program and no cousin, Serena Zepeda, the pair composed $\begin{aligned} & \text { onequests came forth for Casper to return as }\end{aligned}$ cousin, Serena Zepeda, the pair composed requests came for
lyrics for their very own song. With the help
soon as possible.


Justin Banks and Joseph Osceola-Lugo watch as Ross Zepeda experiments with a guitar.


Canoe racers struggle to break up a photo finish at the Immokalee Education Fun Day.
ImmokaleeStudentsCelebrateEnd of School with Education Fun Day

## $\underset{\text { Freelance Reporter }}{\text { BY JUD }}$

IMMOKALEE - As the 2009-2010 school year drew to a climax, the Immokalee Education Department joined force
with Recreation for an End of School Fun Day on June 11 .
At 2 p.m. students ranging from kinder-
garten to high school gathered at the Immo garten to high schooll gathered at the Immo-
kalee ball field. They were divide teams to compete at kickball while several teams to compete at kickball while severa
of their counterparts formed a cheering secof their counterparts formed a cheering sec-
tion. Due to the intense heat, the competition ended in a tie after just one hour of play. The group quickly moved to the com-
munity lake to cool off and participate in
age appropriate canoe races. Causing
slight delay in the program, a four foot alligator attempted to join the competition. A few quick runs with the Jet Ski changed his their canoes, grabbed paddles and the race was on again.
The results of their efforts were hilarius. They paddled in circles, ran into the shoreline and flipped over on more than one accasion. The majority of the kids eventu-
ally jumped into the lake to play. ly jumped into the lake to play
Adults joined the festivitie
community dinner and then gathered with their offspring around the Unity in the Community campfire.




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## Health



Tampa Tribal Citizens Keep Fit with Water Aerobics Classes

## SM M MIRANDA MOTLOW

TAMPA - In an ongoing effort to omote healthy lifestyles among Triba citizens, the Seminole Fitness Depart at the Seminole Hard Rock Tampa pool. Aqua aerobics is an exercise de-
signed to prevent injuries while work ing out and also provides great physical simulation for people rehabbing injuries
"Anyone who's had any kind of sur this is a good exercise for of sur said Natasha Perez, Brighton/Tampa Fit ss Department director. "It helps pre-
injuries in the future."
The different activities that take place in aqua aerobics consist of stretchg, cardiovascular exercises, core train-


## building their stanina, increasing their energy level and strengthening their heart muscles because we're playing games and they're having fun," Perez said. nd they're having fun," Perez said. Tampa Tribal elders make up the Tampa Tribal elders make up the majority of the class. Participants includmajority of the class. Participants includ- ed senior Tribal members Nancy Frank, Peggy Cubis, Maggie Garcia, and Linda Peggy Cubis O. Henry. <br> Perez said she notices a high level of enthusiasm among the senior women. "I love the Tampa seniors. I think they're great and I wish I could spend all day with them because they're really a lot of fun," she said. <br> gin at 2 p.m. at the Seminole Hard Rock Tampa pool. For information on aqua aerobics in your area contact your reser- vation's Fitness Department. <br> \section*{Youth Learn About Healthy Eating Habits During Nutrition Classes}



Tampa Tribal participants warm up for aqua aerobics.

Be The Wall Campaign Educates About Underage Drinking $\frac{\text { BY NAIITOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Since the reservation's Be The Wall campaign started earlier this year, Tribal citizens, community members and employ
derage alcohol use
derage alcohol use.
One tool the Bi bat the widespread issue is a social marketing campaign that's geared toward informing families about the adverse affects of underage drinking and how the youth can live alcohol free. In the social marketing campaign, an allotment of stenciled in Be The Wall drawings have been posted up on windows,
doors and sidewalks throughout the reservation during the past doors and sidewalks throughout the reservation during the past
few months. Also, an assortment of Be The Wall-themed items have been given out to the community at a variety of events,
including sports bottles, balloons, bumper stickers and posters, have been given out that sports bottles, balloons, bumper stickers and posters,
including
to name just a few.
to name just a few.
Crissie Carter the Be The Wall Campaign Team Leader fo the Big Cypress Reservation, is encouraging Tribal and community parents to talk to their children about the consequences
of underage drinking. She said she would like to see parents taking steps towards being clear, firm and consistent with the prevention of alcohol use amongst community youth younger than 21.
"By framing the problem in a positive way, we are using a
commercial marketing technique to share prevention informacommercial marketing technique to share prevention informa-
tion," Carter said. "If we let our teens know we expect them to tion," Carter said. "If we let our teens know we expect them to
make good decisions, they are more likely to live up to those expectations."
The Big Cypress Be The Wall team is asking all commu-
nity members to help in limiting access to alcohol for teens by nity members to help in limiting access to alcohol for teens by locking up their in-home supplies and reporting where alcoho
is being served to them is being served to them.
gaged in a Be The Wall Thursday Blitz, a weekly effort to send gaged in a Be The Wall Thursday Blitz, a weekly effort to send
the word out to community members about underage drinking. For example, on July 22, a mass e-mail was sent out to
further promote the campaign, while on July 29, cake and coffurther promote the campaign, while on July 29, cake and cof-
fee were served at the Juanita Billie Pool Tournament in the fee were serve
Senior Center.
A few weeks earlier, families engaged in photo opportuni-
ties at the Fourth of July celebration on July 3 in yet another Be The Wall Campaign initiative.
The next major Be The Wall promotion will occur at the
Big Cypress Incentive Awards on Aug. 20, tentatively schedBig Cypress Incentive Awards on Aug. 20, tentatively sched uled to take place at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

## The Dangers of Prescription Drug Addiction

BY TOM RYAN

The nonmedical use or abuse of prescription drugs a serious and growing public health problem in this country. Although many prescription drugs can be
abused, there are several classifications of medications that are commonly abused
The three classes of prescription drugs that are most commonly abused are: Opioids, which are most often
prescribed to treat pain; central nervous system (CNS) depressants, which are used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders; and stimulants, which are prescribed to trea
the sleep disorder narcolepsy and attention-deficit hy the sleep disorder narcolepsy
peractivity disorder (ADHD).

The elderly are among those most vulnerable to prescription drug abuse or misuse because they are prescribed more medications than their younger counterparts. Most people take prescription medications
responsibly; however, an estimated 48 million people (ages 12 and older) have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons in their lifetimes. This represents approximately 20 percent of the U.S. population. Also
alarming is the fact that the 2004 National Institute on Drug Abuse's Monitoring the Future survey of eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-graders found that 9.3 percent of 12thgraders reported using Vicodin without a prescription in the past year, and 5.0 percent reported using OxyCon-
tin-making these medications among the most commonly abused prescription drugs by adolescents. The Opioids are a class of drugs commonly
referred to as prescription narcotics - include morphine (e.g., Kadian, Avinza), codeine, oxycodone (e.g., Oxy-
Contin, Percodan, Percocet), and related drugs. Opioids can produce drowsiness, nausea, constipation, and, depending upon the amount of drug taken, depress respiration. Opioid drugs also can induce euphoria by affecting the brain regions that mediate what we perceive as
pleasure. This feeling is often intensified for those who pleasure. This feeling is often intensified for those who
abuse opioids when administered by routes other than those recommended. For example, OxyContin often is snorted or injected to enhance its euphoric effects, while at the same time increasing the risk for serious medical

> onsequences, such as opioid overdose. Taken as directed, opioids can be used to Taken as directed, opioids can be used to man-
age pain effectively. Many studies have shown that the age pain effectively. Many studies have shown that the
properly managed, short-term medical use of opioid anproperly managed, short-term medical use of opioid an-
algesic drugs is safe and rarely causes addiction-defined as the compulsive and uncontrollable use of drugs despite adverse consequences or dependence, which occurs when the body adapts to the presence of a drug and
often results in withdrawal symptoms when that drug often results in withdrawal symptoms when that drug
is reduced or stopped. Withdrawal symptoms include is reduced or stopped. Withdrawal symptoms include restlessness, muscle and bone pain, insomnia, diarrhea,
vomiting, cold flashes with goose bumps ("cold turkey"), and involuntary leg movements. Long-term use of opioids can lead to physical dependence and addiction. Taking a large single dose of an opioid could cause vere respiratory depression that can lead to death. escription drug addiction, please feel free to schedule a confidential meeting with a Family Services Counselor on your respective Reservation.

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## THANK YOU

Daylon Youngblood graduated on Thursday, June 10,2010 from
Okeechobee High School. Daylon and his family would like to thank the Brighton Education staff for all their work with helping him achieve this great accomplishment.
Chairman Mitchell Cypress to thank Chairman's staff for such a wonderfiul graduation trip to the Bahamas. Thank you to President Richard Bowers Jr. for you to President Richard Bowers Jr. for
the gift he presented

## UPCOMINGBOARDMEETINGS

August 10, 2010 - 10 a.m. (Big Cypress) at Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Complex October 12, 2010 - 10 a.m. (Hollywood) at Hollywood Auditorium December 14, 2010 - 10 a.m. (Brighton) at Brighton Tribal office conference room February 8, 2011-10 a.m. (Hollywood) at Hollywood Auditorium April 12, 2011-10 a.m. (Big Cypress) at Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Complex
June 14, 2011-10 a.m. (Brighton) at Brighton Tribal office conference room August 9, 2011-10 a.m. - (Big Cypress) at Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Comp

- In case of any circumstances arising within the Tribe, the date, time and possibly Pcation may be subject to change. If you have any questions please contact the Hollywood President's office


## NOTICEOFSECRETARIALELECTION

NEWS RELEASE
DATE: Contact: Keith Neves
(954) 983-1537, Ext 22

THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA

Hollywood, Florida - The Seminole Tribal Council has requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. C-257-10, "Secretarial Election, Amendment No. XXI to Constitution and Bylaws Seminole Tribe of Florida; to repeal Article II, Section 9 ,
Members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida are hereby advised that a Secretarial Elec-
tion will be held on SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 for the purpe tion will be held on SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, for the purpose of voting on the proposed
amendment to the Tribal Constitution to retain or repeal Article II, Membership, Section 9 . This election is being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations ( 25 CFR Part 81).
Pursuant to the requirements of 25 CFR 81.6 (d), adult tribal members who register to vote in this election shall be entitled to vote for the retention or removal of Article 11, Membership, Section 9 of the Tribal Constitution. A notice is being mailed to all tribal members 18 years of age and older thirty days prior to the election, at the address listed on
the current tribal membership roll with a voter registration form enclosed. Any member who does not receive such form by mail should request one from the Seminole Agency, 6100 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 206, Hollywood, Florida 33024, or from the Election Board, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024.

THE REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SEMINOLE AGENCY OR THE SEMINOLE TABALOT 16 CL
If any adult member is unable to vote at a designated polling place because of nonresidence, temporary absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, the individual may vote by absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots must be designated on the voter registration forms.
It is particularly important that only adult members who register to vote in this election will be permitted to cast ballots on the retention or removal of Article II, Membership, Section 9 of the Tribal Constitution.
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## Sports C



Big Cypress Tribal citizen Charley Cypress looks at his pool shot, as he gets ready to strike in 8-Ball play at the Fourth of July Pool Tournament organized at the Hermar

Fourth of July Pool Tournament Entertains Big Cypress Community

mokalee Tribal citizen Virginia Billie places second in women's 8 -Ball play at the Fourth of July Pool Tournament in Big Cypress on July 2.

Fourth of July Pool Tournament Results
SeniorWomen: 1.LauraClay, 2.JaneFreeman, 3. SeniorWomen: 1.Laura Cliy, 2. Jane Freeman, 3 . Men: 1. Roy Snow, 2. Charley LaSarge, 3. Ralph Gray, 4. R.C. Foy, 5. Russell Osceola; Women: 1 TheresaNunez, 2.VirginiaBillie,3.PhalynOsceola, 4. Melissa Silva, 5. Katrina Silva; Men: 1. Ralph Sanchez, 2. Nick Tiger, 3. Tony Bert, 4. Enrique
Gamez, 5. Mario Posada.

CharleyL Scotch Doubles
1.CharleyLaSarge/PhalynOsceola, 2.RoySnow/ Theresa Nunez,3.R.C.Foy/KatrinaSilva, 4.David Cypress/LauraClay,5.RaymondGarzaSr./Virginia Billie.

9-Ball
Women:1.PhalynOsceola,2.LauraClay,3.Virginia Billie,4.LatonyaJumper,5.JaneFreeman;-Men:1 Charley LaSarge, 2.Angelo Claro, 3. NickTiger, 4 . arl Yazzie, 5. Ralph Sanchez.


Arizona native Carl Yazzie of the Navajo Tribe places fourth in 9-ball play at the Fourth of July Pool Tournament on July 2 in Big Cypress.


Former Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress, primary sponsor of the Fourth citizens were invited to play in the holiday competition. Tribal citizens from Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee joined in the festivities.

Tribal Citizens Celebrate Independence Day with Golf Tournament at the Grande Oaks Club
 Rightphoto,Tribalcitizens, including Hollywood BoardRep. Marcellu
Osceola $J$ r, third from the right, gather before action for the Fourt Osceola JJ., third from the right, gather before action for the Fourth of July Golf Tournament held at the Grande Oaks Golf Club in Davie.
The two-man, five-team tournament featured 18 holes with trophies presented to the winners in several categories. Photo above, firs Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. Show off their wares after competition.


Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Sets Up Event in Memory of Josiah Johns


BarebackRiding:FreddyWarbonett;SteerWrestling: QuinnCampbell;CalfRoping:PrestonWilliams;Lady's BreakawayRoping:BoogieJumper;Team Roping:Josh Jumper and Preston Williams; Lady's Barrell Racing: RodeoWinners:MuttonBusting:DwayneBillieJr.;Pony Riding:(tie)JobeJohnsandDraytonBillie;CalfRiding: MyronBillie;SteerRiding:RayvenSmith;Jr.BullRiding: JoshJohns;ChuteDoggin:DillionChalfant;4-8Barrels: Brighton Bauman;9-12 Barrels:Kalgary Johns;13-17 Barrels: Ashley Parks; Jr. Breakaway Roping: Andre Undercoating:DillionChalfant; Jr.Bareback:William Bearden;50\&OverLady'sBarrel Racing:AnnaBowers; 50 \& Over Team Roping: Joe L. John, Norman Johns; INFR Steer Riding: Kelton Smedley

Native cowboys and cowgirls came from throughout the eastern circuit to Brighton, on July 3, to compete in the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association rodeo and to also remember the late great
cowboy Josiah Johns. The Josiah Johns Memorial rodeo was held at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton where the youth kicked things offwith thenon-sanction events including mutton busting and calf riding. The adults followed with the sanction events with cowboy hopefuls all trying to rackup points and one
more win before the EIRA finals scheduled for Aug. $27-28$ in Big more win before the EIRA finals scheduled for Aug. $27-28$ in Big
Cypress. Photo above, Andre Jumper earns 61 point ride. Far right top, Seth Randolph ends the rodeo with hopes to be the first qualified bull ride. Far right bottom, Dwayne Billie rides his way to a win in mutton busting. Right, Justin Gopher returns to
bullridingstrivingforaneightsecondride.-RachelBuxton/Photos by Tom Riser. by Tom Riser.



About 40 Tribal and community youngsters cool off at the Big Cypress Disc Golf Pool Party, hosted and sponsored by the Bio Cypress Recreation Department. The purpose of the event according to Big Cypress Recreation Aide Carlton Band provide special activities for the youth residing at the reservation. He said there will be a special event each Wednesday during
 Roller floating device.

Jathaniel "Nano" Brooks works on his swimming skills at the Big Tobias press Disc Golf Pool Party on June 16.


Children cool off at the Big Cypress Disc Golf Pool Party.

Big Cypress Recreation Department Hosts Disc Golf Pool Party


From left, Isaiah Alvarado, Tyrus Billie, Mariah Smith, Jonah Alvarado and Dasani Frye throw their Frisbees during the Golf Pool Party organized at Big Cypress' Indigo Disc Golf Park/Big Cypress Community Pool on June 16.


Jonah Alvarado, center, takes his third Frisbee shot on the third hole as Big Cypress Recreation Aide Carlton Banks, left, and Tyrus Billie, right, look on.

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Youngsters Work on Gymnastics Skills at the Fitness Dome


From left, Tauni Cypress, 6, Charlie Osceola, 6, Madasyn Osceola, 4, and Alyssa Osceola, 9 , practice at the Fitness Dome in Big Cypres


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Hilliard Gopher of Brighton, and Fragua Machado of Miam eam up to catch a steer the Team Roping Round Robin Challenge on June 26

Rodeo Arena Hosts Team Roping Round Robin Challenge


The team roping tandem of Pablo Delgado, left, and Big Cypress community member Walter Summerall, try to catch a steer at the Team Roping Round Robin Challenge, held June 26 at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Grounds Arena on the Big Cypress Reservation. In
all, 308 teams competed, with the headers - ropers who catch a steer from its head all, 308 teams competed, with the headers - ropers who catch a steer from its head

- taking a total of 22 shots with their heeler counterparts. The hellers - ropers who catch the steer from its feet - had 14 attempts.


## Team Roping Round Robin Results <br> (Top Three Places plus Finishes from Hilliard Gopher and Walter Summerall)

 All final times are recorded in secondsHeaders - 14 attempts: 1. Albs Dominguez - 7 steer catches down;Finaltime: 103.03,2.FreddieGonzalez-7 steercatches down; Final time: 105.57,3. Alfredo Fuentes -6 steer catches down;Finaltime:103.27;4.WalterSummerall-5steercatches down; Final time: 69.58; Healers - 22 attempts: 1. Andres Hernandez - 8 steer catches; Final time: 104.75, 2. Noel Vigil catches;Finaltime:111.17,5. Hilliard Gopher-6steercatches down; Final time: 101.57.

Note:The next team roping round robin challenge will take placeatthelmmokaleeSeminoleRanchon July 31 , thethirdand finallegofthe 2010SaddleSeries.TheSaddleSerieswinnerwill earn a saddle and a matching breast collar.

Big Cypress Community Participates in Fourth of July Firecracker 5K Walk/Run


At the conclusion of the Firecracker 5K Walk/Run all of the attendees come together to reflect on what they accomplished Nab obi At the conclusion of the Firecracker exercises. They also made sure to eat a healthy continental breakfast to get fueled up for the day

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 Gonzalez and his son, Charley Cypress,


Rob Ladin strolls with his two children R.J. Kimble, 4, and Swan Gimble, 5

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Newly crowned Miss Seminole Princess Cassandra Jimmie and Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Lorelei Tommie soak in the moment as outgoing Jr. Miss Stevie Brantley and Miss Semi-
Miss, Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Crowned in 53rd Edition of Pageant

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - The journey toward be coming the Tribe's next representative in royalty
took place in the 53 rd annual Miss Florida Seminole Princess Pageant among dozens of eager family and
friends at the Hollywood Headquarters Audity Cassandra Jimmie and Lorelei Tommie claimed Crowns as the new Miss and Jr. Miss Florida
Seminole July 31. Both were among seven tants overall from four of the reservations with th theme pageant title, Clans - Our Family, Our Chil "I felt so excited and my heart was racing. I fel Le Coyed," said Jimmie, an 18-year-old studen Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Or want to represent the Tribe to the best of my ability, incoming 15 -year-old Big Cypress resident and Jit

Miss Florida Seminole Tommie after trying two pre- week on July 28 with orientation, dinners, rehearsals vious times for the crown. I thought it was a mistake at first," Bird Clan nember Tommie said. "I really started preparing announce myself as part of where I am from." The accomplishments of Jimmie and Tommie
ended a two-year run of Miss Princess reigns from the Brighton Reservation. The contestants focused on three areas: traditional clothing, impromptu question answer and a talent portion which included: poetry, legend/story-
telling and traditional demonstrations such as bask telling and traditional demonstrations such as basket
and shaker making and shaker making. ing with this 53 years later," said Wanda Bowers, Princess Committee chairwoman. "To be Ms./Jr. Seminole you have to have heart. It is not just your reservation, but the entire Tribe you are representing." The path to the coronation officially began mid-

Judging also began for each contestant during this time.
Pageant judges and newly crowned Miss FlorIndian World of the Mohawk Nation Turtle Clan of the Six Nations Grand River Territory said a number week in helping determine their choice. "It was an exciting experience," Garcia said. "I was looking for someone [as the new royalty] that was down to earth, humble and would appreciate beng the Seminole Princess." "I also gained a lot more knowledge of the Seminoles especiall
tion of this state," Garcia continued.
"I was looking for someone who knew who they earn was important too.

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## Families Learn Together at Brighton Family Conference

## BY RACHEL BUXTON <br> Staff Reporter

ORLANDO - About 300 Tribal citizens and family members from the Brighton and Tampa Reservations enjoyed pure luxury at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando as they expanded their knowledge during the Brighton Family Conference, Formerly known as the Brighton Youth Conference, the
newly named conference was held July 25-30 and included classes for all youth grade levels, as well as three adult classes.
The classes were taught by different speakers brought in from outside companies such as Communities In Schools, a studind, a team building company located in Titusville. Many Tribal departments also informed on what they have to offer.
"Hopefully they'll look into those programs and "Hopefully they'll look into those programs and see which direction they want to go," Tribal citizen Alice Sweat said. "May-
be they'll interest one of the children and hopefully they'll stay on the right path and take one of those positions."
Participating Tribal departments included the Seminole Po-
lice Department, Fire Rescue, Community Care for the Elderly, lice Department, Fire Rescue, Community Care for the Elderly,
Culture, Family Services, Recreation, Fitness, Health and the Fi Culture, Family Serv
nance Department.
Topics touched upon included drugs, alcohol, fire safety,
budgeting health and finess, and many mor budgeting, health and
"I learned in
Seminole Police DeSeminole Police De-
partment that if you
do drugs you don't know what you are
doing," sixth-arad doing," sixth-grader
Chloe Chalfant said "[SPD] had this box and said there was a
snake in it, and if you were doing drugs hand in there becaus you don't know what you're doing." The Recreation ments got the participants up and moving
with physical activi with physical activi-
ties. Recreation took the classes to the basketball courts and pool for some exerPerez from the Fit
ness Department in-


The adults have fun as they are challenged in the ropes course.

New Big Cypress Council Rep. Sworn In


Incumbent Big Cypress Tibar Council Rep. Manuel Mondo Tiger, right, is sworn into office in front of Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Keith Neves, far left, and event emcee Moses Jumper Jr., second from left, during induction ceremonies at the Herman L. Osceola Gym Aug.
13. Other elected officials, as well as fanily and friends joined Tiger for the

## SPD Citizens Police Academy Celebrates Graduation of First Series

Freelance Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Teaching about aw enforcement and police work perspec-
ive, the SPD Citizens Police Academy reaches out and offers citizens an opportunity to gain a better understanding about
welfare and safety of their community. "Our goal is to provide a glimpse be
hind the scenes of law hind the scenes of law enforcement with a
program developed to build trust and reprogram developed to build trust and re
spect," said Citizens Police Academy ordinator Sgt. George Gonzalez. "We need your commitment to make your community Creating a to live and raise your families. responsibility establishes a strong bity anc tween the police force and the community
lice Academy graduated at the Big Cypress
SPD Headquarters on the evening of July 15. The initial 10 -week course enrollment
included 14 candidates, and resulted in 10 graduates. The course comprised a threehour session per week for nine weeks with a
new instructor each time and a final graduation event.
Big Cypress Board of Directors Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. assisted Sgt. Gonzalez in distribution of diplomas to Candy Cypress,
Sara Osceola, Mornin Osceola, Eldeen Tecumseh, Sheila Billie Bevenue, Sue Jane Cypress, Shelli Mae Osceola, Vera Herrera, Hilda Lozano and Naji Tobias.
"Our own people want to serve and pro-
tect," said Rep. Paul Bowers Sr "Knowl
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## Tribal Citizens Attend 17th Annual Wellness Conference

## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { BY JUDY WEEKS } & \text { fect your personal, family, } \\ \text { Freelance Reporter } & \text { work, social and financial }\end{array}$ Freelance Reporter

MARCO ISLAND - Each year the
Seminole Wellness Conference gets bigger
and better. The 2010 17th annual Conferand better. The 2010 17th annual Conference, held at the Marco Island Hilton from
July 18-23, was no exception. With an enJuly $18-23$, was no exception. With an en
thusiastic crowd coming from all the Semi
nole Reservations and nole Reservations and communities, the
participants numbered more than 400 dur ing the week-long event.
The extraordinary agenda ensured that
everyone found countloss everyone found countless items of interest
The term "wellness" covers a broad spe The term "wellness" covers a broad spe
trum of topics such as physical, mental an
spiritual wholeness. spiritual wholeness. As director of the Sem spiritual wholeness. As director of the Sem
inole Family Services Department, Helene
Buster coordinated representatives from Buster coordinated representatives from
Recovery, Health, Fitness, Culture, Educa-
tion and Recreation Departments, as well tion and Recreation Departments, as well
as Tribal citizen volunteers to implement as Tribal citizen volunteers to implement
scores of activities and presentations to asscores of activities and presentations to as"This year the focus is on you," said
Buster. "Seminoles in Recovery put together this conference and that means you! Like a well-trained army, strength comes in sup-
port and numbers. Wellness takes in a broad port and numbers. Wellness takes in a broad
expanse of the human experience. Choices, expanse of the human experience. Choices,
self-control, relationships and respect af-


Lions, tigers and clowns roamed through the Big Top at the Well-

## Lions, tigers and clowns rest.

From left, Julie Toma, Edna McDuffie and Barbara Billie share important health information during their presentation of "Making the Connection."


The guest speakers focused upon health issues, child welfare, substance abuse, un derstanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity
Disorder (ADHD) and other childhood disorders, financial stability, community and family involvement, mentoring, recovery
grief, gambling, spiritual wellness, self-help grief, gambling, spiritual wellness, self-help
groups, warning signs and relapse. groups, warning signs and relapse.
The motivational speakers came from The motivational speakers came fro
across the nation and had been carefully selecross the natiod on their expertise on specific
lect bast locics and past presentations.
For many this was not the
For many this was not their first appear
ance at the Seminole Wellness Conferences ance at the Seminole Wellness Conferences,
but their material was fresh and innovative but their material was fresh and innovative
and they quickly identified with their au-
Cox, John Bird, Jeff Iserson, Kristi Hill, Dr.
Bartlette, Dr. Schwarz Cohen, Sonya BeanBartlette, Dr. Schwarz Cohen, Sonya Bean-
land, Rick Benson, Dan Kirschenbaum, land, Rick Benson, Dan Kirschenbaum,
Charlie Tiger and Geraldine Osceola. Charlie Tiger and Geraldine Osceola.
Past conferences have made construcPast conferences have made construc-
tive use of Tribal citizens whenever pos-
sible but this year their role was expanded to include group sessions with both men and women. Geraldine Osceola concentrated on self-help groups and the various stages of
recovery, chemical dependency counseling

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The tall lady on stils dances with a a iitlt1
lion at the Wellness Conference Banquet.


## - WELLNESS

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and continuing sobriety. Charlie Tiger examined the pitfalls of compulsive gambling and the chain reaction of its consequences. difficult topic of spirituality being challenged and covered up by addictions. "We are born with our
tage beliefs," he said. "It is important that we nurture these and draw upon the strength and protection that we derive from our creator. According to an old saying, 'To err is human, but to forgive is divine.
cess is to forgive oneself for past indiscretions, recognize your problems, make responsible choices and develop self-respect," Bird continued. "You must love yourself before
you can share your love with others." you can share your love with others.'
Among the most outstanding
Among the most outstanding presenta-
tions was the theatrical skit by Allied Health tions was the theatrical skit by Allied Health
and Seminole Health and Fitness Departand Seminole Health and Fitness Departliver and pancreas, staff members acted out the effects of diabetes, smoking, dietary risks,
high blood pressure, high cholesterol abuse high blood pressure, high cholesterol, abuse of prescription drugs and lack of exercise.
"Making the Connection" was a big hit with the audience and drove home the seriousness
of poor health choices before addressing re sponsible food selection and portions.
While the adults attended semin younger generation was divided into two groups. The 5 - to 8 -year-olds attended art and craft classes, talked about health and exercise and discussed responsible behavior. Nine- to 16 -year-olds participated in advanced group
discussions on eating habits, peer pressure pitfalls of addictions, health issues, respect and cultural awareness. Both groups took part in field trips to amusement parks, movies and fitness activities.

The highlight of each afternoon was the personal testimonies provided by Seminoles with each of the speakers shared in the pain with each of the speakers, shared in the pain
of their problems and the stressful transition to recovery. These presentations are often quite emotional for both the speakers and listeners but provide an overwhelming feeling
of support and awareness of support and awareness.
"Our goal did not include breaking records but this year we exceeded our expecta-
tions on many counts," Buster said. "Getting up for a 6 a.m. walk, on the beach is no easy task, but we had the largest group participa-
tion at any of our conferences. We started out tion at any of our conferences. We started out on Monday with 104 people and the number
just kept growing until we reached 114 We just kept growing until we reached 114. We
had a total of 160 people taking part and the least number was 93 . The most important
part of this is the fact that we finished with a or their evening attire. Makeup artists, jug
strong count," strong count." "Each of our seminars took place with $\begin{aligned} & \text { glers, a a lady on stilts, a magician, balloon art } \\ & \text { ist and contortionist created the atmosphere }\end{aligned}$ a full audience and the immediate feed back of a circus big top. Following an exquisite has been extraordinary," continued Buster. buffet, the participants joined in the floor"Evening attendance at the AA meetings, show and proved that sobriety can be fun. women's group and
culture has escalated culture has escalated from previous years
and our closing so-
briety count and our closing so-
briety count down
is 503 yen is 503 years, six months and six days.
It is important to It is important to note that you made
these things happen these things happen
and you are why we and you are why we
are here! The focus is on you!" ner party closing dinner party took place on the night of July 22 at 7 p.m. and re-
volved around a circus theme. Helene and Andy Buster greeted guests in
red and black tuxred and black tux-
edos with top hats edos with top hats as
ringmasters and conringmasters and con-
ference attendees ar-
 Chairman Mitchell Cypress joined staff members of the 17th annual Wellnes Conference at the circus-themed dinner banquet.


During testimony, Harry Billie gives insight into his past, present and struggle to achieve sobriety.


Blackfoot motivational speaker John Bird explains hat one must love and respect himself before in eracting positively with others.


Trail Liaison William Osceola and Norman "Skeeter" Bowers discuss the topics pre sented at the Wellness Conference.

## - ACADEMY

 m page 1Aedge is powerful and this program has give them an opportunity to understand wha kind of situations come before our polic,
officers and the reason for their reactions," A new topic was introduced a each session that included ways to apprehend an offender, self-protection, a Taser demonstration, the use of police dogs, MILO simulation,
mock crime scene simulation and witness observation training. "The enthusiasm of the partici
pants in this class was astounding, said SPD Chief William Latchford "The more they learned, the more they wanted to know. Three of
these academy classes have been offered by SPD, with the first two taking place in Hollywood. This is our largest enrollment to date and tion, the goal of Cypress graduareach out to each of the reserva
derway with underway with an opening praye
by Joe Osceola Sr. and Tori Osceola sang the National Anthem. A short video presentation recappec
the students' experiences durin the students' experiences during
the training course and enlightened the audience on the program cur riculum.
At the conclusion of the pre
sentation, the the assembly expressing their the assembly expressing their sat
isfaction with the program,


Graduates of the SPD Citizens Police Academy in Big Cypress received their diplomas after comple ing a nine-week law enforcement course armed conflicts.
The gradua
The graduates and their guests attended a generous barbecue buffet following the


Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., right, assists SPD Sgt. George Gonzzalez in the presentation of diplomas to
graduates of the SPD Citizens Police Academy.
for the dedication of the officers, the SWAT Team and a better understanding of the methods used during domestic violence and

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Javaris Johnson gets a little exercise jumping rope during the Recreation Department's class.


Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr speaks to high school students on Tribal government.


Third graders see the K-9 dog in action.

## $\rightarrow$ FAMILY

From page 1A
troduced a little Latin flavor into the group by teaching the merengue dance "We've done it with the adults, the children, we ve done it with the high school
students and it looks like it's working," Perez said about the dance. "It's getting them to liven up a little bit and bring their personalities out." The organizers added new teachings for panel comprised of Tribal citizens D'Anna

Osceola, Jarrid Smith and Brittany Smith. somewhere down the road very soon," Rep. The youth panel spoke to students from the Bowers said about electing Tribal officials. older grades about goals, dreams and op- "I want them to know that regardless of
portunities. They gave personal examples who's on the Tribal government or Tribal portunities. They gave personal examples and told personal stories to help mentor the Another addition to the conference was Another addition to the conference was
a lesson given by Brighton Tribal Council
Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. on how Tribal government works. Rep. Bowers spoke to the sixth to 12th graders on the importance of knowing how government,
their Tribal government, runs.
"The high school people are going to be eligible to take part in selecting these people
who's on the Tribal government or Tribal Each year the conference continues to
Eance the peosse grow with more and more families attending. With the growth the conference has be-
come known as the Brighton Family Conrence as it is no longer just geared toward the Tribal youth. "We're trying to keep the family unity there," Sweat said. "As the
children go to class, the parents go to class childr
too."

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## Big Cypress Tribal Council Election Results Announced



Tribal Council Secretary Priscilla Sayen announces the official vot ing results of the special election
for the office of the Big Cypress Reservation Tribal Council Representative on Aug. 6. Among the
nine candidates running for the nine candidates running for the
position, Manuel Mondo Tiger won with a total of 76 votes ( 73 from the Big Cypress and Immokalee communities and three by absentee vote).

Tribal Council Holds Meeting in Big Cypress

## BY NAJI TOBIAS

BIG CYPRESS - The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Tribal Council convened at the Big Cypress Community Center for its monthly meeting and 30 resolutions, including:
Resolution 13: Service line agreement between Centurylink and Seminole Tribe of Florida for location of a telephone line to the Sports Complex Building - Brighton Semi-
nole Indian Reservation nole Indian Reservation.
Resolution 17: 2010 lease agreement mi and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Resolution 22: Approval of agreemen with Native American Construction, LLC for construction of the east parking lot expansion at the Seminole Indian Casino - Im
mokalee.
Resolution 23: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission
letter granting Rakontur Short Form, LLC
permission to film the Action Fight League
MMA at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on the Hollywood Seminole Indian Resolution 32: Seminole Brands, L.L.C. nd Cherokee Tobacco Company LLC rademark license agreement with Seminole
Tribe of Florida to license the mark "Semi nole" regarding the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.
Resolution $33:$ CBS bulletin advertising agreement for Billie bulletin advertis
Swamp Safari.
Resolution
Resolution 35: The formation of a Trib truancy committee and policy to addres ruancy in schools Tribalwide.
Resolution 37: First amendment ease-industrial commercial between the Seminole Tribe of Florida D/B/A Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino - Hollywood
(tenant) and the Guardian Life Insurance tenant) and the Guardian Life Insurance
Co. of America (landlord); limited waiver of sovereign immunity; ratification.

Seminole Tribe and Okeechobee County Keep Western Heritage Alive at National Cattle Drive to take part in the National Day of the American cowboy." Each year the Seminole Tribe is a major sponsor with politicians, community members, and members of the event, continuing its longstanding relationship of the Cattlemen's Association herding more than 50 with Okeechobee County, as well as maintaining its head of cattle, and ending at the Agri Civic Center, cultural heritage.
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The Seminole Tribe of Florida sponsored the old time carriages in the national cattle drive.
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Shootout Shootout demon-
strations were held bestrations were held be-
fore the ranch rodeo kicked off bringing riders from various ranches. The National Day
of the Cowboy organiof the Cowboy organi-
zation was founded in zation was founded in
2005 and is a nonprofit. 2005 and is a nonprofit.
The resolution that was started to help preserve America's cowboy heritage was first passed by
the U.S. Senate in July This year marked annual National Day of the Cowboy with towns throughout the country
taking part in the festivities with arts, celebra-
tions, gatherings, rodeos and community activi-
ties.


Roger Smith, center rides horseback representing the original cowboy


Barbara Billie represents the Seminole Tribe in the National Day of the American Cowboy cattle drive.
Seminole Casinos Partner Toward Canine Adoptions



Left photo, Jennifer Brant, of Sunrise, shows off the newest addition to her family, the newly adopted 2-month-old Labrador retriever Jasmine,
at the Hollywood Classic Casino at the Hollywood Classic Casino Aug. 5. Her pet was one of many breeds
of homeless dogs available as part of the three Broward County Semiof homeless dogs available as part of the three Broward County Semi-
nole Casinos' unique Big Dogg a Day public adoptions campaign, with the Humane Society of Broward County, Broward Animal Care and the the Humane Society of Broward County, Broward Animal Care and the
Florida Humane Society. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and the coconut Creek Casino also partook in the event held Aug. 4-6 and collected food and toys Aug. 9-13. Right photo, SMP reporter Briana Abittan, left, interviews Lisa Mendheim, public relations coordinator for the
Broward County's Animal Care \& Regulations Divisions.

Best of Best Entertainers Go Head to Head in Annual Seminole Superstar Finals


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#### Abstract

BY NAJI TOBIAS BOCA RATON - On June 28, Tribal citizen and aspiring Seminole hip-hop artist Stephen Billie put in some quality time at his home-built music studio, creatsome quality time at his home-built mus ing some songs in his recording booth. ing some songs in his recording booth. upon his childhood upbringing and how he used it to fuel his drive to become the Tribe's first-ever commer cially successful rapper. Overcoming a series of tragedies and setbacks in his young life, Billie translated the experience his young life, Billie translated the experiences into his music. In what's perhaps his first love, as far as career as- pirations are concerned Billie also logged in creating a few of his own beats and sounds - something not everyone does in the music industry today. Recently, Billie enlisted former Fat Boys rapper Prince Markie D to work with him on his budding rap




Tribal hip-hop artist Stephen Billie is in his home studio on June 28, creating some beats for an as-yet-untitled track to be placed on a future album. To date, Billie has produced six Tribe-
exclusive albums, which include "Rez World Wrecker" and "Dem SFL (Seminole For Life) Boys" - his first two album recordings.

## 

artists, including Alicia Keys, DJ Khaled and Rick Ross.
The tife that people in the outside world don't know about. The two met in 2008, shortly after Billie competed in the Seminole Star Search competition at the Seminole
Hard Rock in Hollywood. Currently, the two collaborate at the Miami studio on a weekly basis, as Billie strives to complete his first full-length album for commercial release in the not-too-
distant future.
life that people in the outside world don't know about.
And the people that do know about us just know abs And the people that do know about us just know about ing to us because it's not just about the money. It's about everything we've been through on the reservations. People assume we're just making money and living this
wonderful life, but really, it's not like that. There's wonderful life, but really, it's not like that. There's a
whole different side to it And that's what's drivig whole different side to it. And the
and headphones and a Pro Tools device. After that, Question: You credit Carradine Billie and Markell Billie, both of the Seminole rap group Savage Money, as the first Seminole rappers in the Tribe's history. How do you plan to separate yourself from them? Stephen Billie: Carradine and Markell are both my
ousins; they've been doing it since 2000 What I want to do different is take my talents worldwide, Seminole
to teen ding in the

As of this moment, Billie has not been signed to a
major label record deal. However, he hopes it could hapmajor label record de
pen at some point.
Question: You Question: You say
you're trying to become
the first-ever successful the first-ever to buccessful
Seminole rapper in hisSeminole rapper in his-
tory. As an aspiring rap-
per, how tory. As an aspiring rap-
per, how does that feel for
you? you


Stephen Billie performs several of his original rap tracks at the Seminole Arts and Music Festival on May 1 in Big Cypress, including one of
his favorites, "'m a Seminole." his favorites, "I'm a Seminole."

Question: What's your message going to be about as you try to break into the rap industry?
Stephen Billie: It's going to be about Stephen Billie: It's going to be about
the life of a Seminole Indian. It's going the life of a Seminole Indian. It's going
to about my experiences, what I've been to about my experiences, what I've been
through, my influences in my music and what I listened to when I was growing up. I listen to all different kinds of music, not just rap. I also listen to R \& B, coun-
try, pop and 50 s music. My dad Steve try, pop and 50 s music. My dad, Steve
Osceola, listened to Lynyrd Skyyrd Osceola, listened to Lynyrd Skynyrd
when I was young. My mom, Rita Billie when I was young. My mom, Rita Billie,
listened to Alanis Morrisette. All these listened to Alanis Morrisette. All thes my life, you'll see that in my music.

Question: Talk about how you be gan to work on your music.

Stephen Billie: I'm going to be honest with you, I didn't know computer
software as far as musi software as far as music was concerned
until I found out about beats, and instrumentals on the Internet. Before that, all I knew was about my CD record-
ing and DJ thing The first thing I knew ing and DJ thing. The first thing I knew about computers and music recording,
I learned to record my laptop to the CD I learned to record my laptop to the CD
recorder and freestyle on other people's beats. Then, I wanted to have my own studio in my apartment.

Question: You spend a lot of time using your studio equipment. With a home-built booth room in place, explain
how all that helped your drive Stephen Billie: I wanted to build me a studio in my room. And then one day,
when I went to a music store, I told someone I want to make beats. A guy told me I need to get a laptop, a piano, a DJ inter-
face where I could plug my microphone
style.
Question: How do you plan to move forward from his point on? Stephen Billie: I want the people or Stephen Billie: I want the people out there to know
verything about my life. I want them to feel my pain everything about my life. I want them to feel my pain.
I want to be a rapper that could relate to everybody, regardless of where at in their lives. As long as I could do , then I'll be alright.


Stephen Billie raps from his home-built booth in a studio session on June 28.

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Seminole Fire Rescue firefighters test out the water hose in the live training drill conducted on June 16 at the Fire Rescue's training ground facility in Big Cypress.


With temperatures approaching 100 degrees, the firefighters take a break to cool off.


In the Seminole Fire Rescue's first live fire training on June 16, firefighters clad in bunker gear, safely and effectively put out a fire at the department's fire simulation building - a two-story facility that has two doors and one window.

## Seminole Fire Rescue Breaks Ground

 in Live Fire Training Session

A group of firefighters from the Seminole Fire Rescue enter the department's two-story simulation building, where a fire awaits them to put out. In the simulation building is a supply of hay, which sits atop three stacks of woode
officer sets the hay on fire.


The firefighters get ready for the simulation.


The firefighters remove protective gear after succesfully completing the live training.


Two firefighters put on their gloves as they prepare for training.


Captain Michael Hopkins gives an overview of how the Tribal department's personnel accountability system works.

Big Cypress Seniors Invite Various Departments for the Annual Services Round Up


Tribal Senior Joe Osceola Sr., left, receives a generator pamphlet from Big Cypress Building and Grounds Administrative Services Generator Service Advisor Scott Calvert.


Big Cypress Wellness Nutritionist Jillian Guralski, left, hands Tribal senior Mary Jane Robbins a to-go container and a diabetes nutrition placemat at the Big Cypress Senior Services Round Up.


Tribal senior Louise Billie, left, shows Big Cypress Family Services Employee Linda Fleischman her newly printed Technology Department.


Seminole Moments Teaches Fort Pierce Tribal Community About Alligator Wrestling


Fort Pierce Tribal citizens and employees gathered around the table in the cabin at the Chupco Ranch Aug. 4 and got a lesson from Everett Osceola on the history of alligator wrestling within the
Seminole Tribe. Osceola explained how in the early years Seminoles used alligators for food and Seminole Tribe. Osceola explained how in the early years Seminoles used alligators for food and
armor as a way for survival. He then led the listeners into the early 1900 s when Seminoles began wrestling alligators for tourists as a means of financial survival.-Rachel Buxton

## PRINCESS PAGEANT



Painter and artist Nick San Pedro, right, offers former Miss Seminole Princess Priscill Sayen a custom-painted portrait of her from 1964


Seminole R\&B artist Spencer Battiest entertains the guests with some of his original songs.


Christine McCall, far left, coordinates routines and activities with the pageant contestants prior to the big day.


An emotional Brittany Smith, the outgoing 2009-1 Miss Florida Seminole, says her goodbyes during the Pageant ceremony.

Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress, far left, and Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., far Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress, far left, and Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr.,
right, joined by the newly crowned Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Lorelei Tommie and Miss Seminole right, joined by the newly cro
Princess Cassandra Jimmie.


Jr. Miss Seminole and Miss Seminole Princess pageant contestants and judges together at the pageant dinner.


Princess Pageant Committee Chairwoman Wanda Bowers, middle, with the new Princess royalty, Cas
sandra Jimmie, left, and Lorelei Tommie, right.


Former Jr. Miss Stevie Brantley, right, helps the newly crowned Jr. Miss Lorelei Tommie with her sash.


Miss Indian World Dakota Brant, left, poses with Miss Florida Seminole 2009-2010 Brittany Smith.


Tribal royalty from the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma along with, third from left, Miss Seminole Princess Brittany Smith, Miss Indian World Dakota Brant, Miss Florida U.S.A Lissette Garcia and Little Ms. Seminole Elle Thomas, bottom.


The newly crowned Jr. Miss and Miss Florida Seminole with family members.


Jr. Miss and Miss Florida Seminole pageant contestants together during the ceremony.
 process of shaker making during the talent portion of the pagean


Miss Florida Seminole 2009-2010 Brittany Smith, fourth fromt he left, poses with pageant contestants at the Hard Rock Cafe in Hollywood.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## Lowered Seasonal Forecasts

## Can Still Mean a Busy Storm Year

 Emergency Management CoordinatorBrighton, Fort Pierce \& Tampa Reservations
In early August, the federal government's official weather agency lowered its
forecast for the number of tropical stor forecast for the number of tropical storms
and hurricanes expected this year The fore and hurricanes expected this year. The fore-
cast, issued by the National Oceanic and cast, issued by the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), now calls for 14-20 named storms with top winds of 39 mph or higher, 8 to 12 hurricanes with top winds of 74 mph or higher, and 4 to 6 that
could be major hurricanes with winds of at could be major hurricanes with winds of at
least 111 mph . (These numbers include the least 11 mph . (These numbers inc
storms that have already occurred.)

The good news is that these numbers are wn slightly from the May forecast NOAA和 hurricanes and $3-7$ major hurricanes.
However, the revised forecast doesn mean the coast is clear. The most active part mean the coast is clear. The most active part
of the Atlantic hurricane season, which exof from June 1 to Nov. 30 , is in full swing.
tends frich "All indications are for considerable acDr. Gerry Bell, a lead seasonal hurricane drecaster with NOAA. "As we've seen in
for past years, storms can come on quickly during the peak months of the season. There re-
mains a high likelihood that the season could be very active, with the potential of being one of the more active on record." Along with this warning, it is important
to remember Hurricane Andrew, which to remember Hurricane Andrew, which made
landfall first in South Florida and then in landfall first in South Florida and then in
Louisiana in late August 1992, was the first hurricane to form that year. It also was one of
only three Category 5 hurricanes to strike the only three Category 5 hurricanes to
mainland during the 20th century. Just before Andrew formed thousands
of miles away in the eastern Atlantic and of miles away in the eastern Atlantic and
then grew to a powerful hurricane, plenty of then grew to a powerful hurricane, plenty of
people in South Florida were convinced they were getting a pass for that hurricane season. As is now known, they couldn't have been.
or this year, NOAA is so confident about their latest numbers that it gives them a 70 percent chance of occurring.
Despite its staff of highly Despite its staff of highly qualified sciwho question the accuracy of NOAA's seasonal forecasts. Last year, the agency predicted 14 named storms, 4-7 hurricanes and $1-3$ major hurricanes. The actual numbers for Emergency management personnel rely Emergency management personnel rely
upon seasonal forecasts as more of a planupon seasonal forecasts as more of a plan-
ning tool for how active those months from June through November will be, rather than focusing on the actual numbers. Seasonal forecasts are based on current conditions in he ocean and in the atmosphere in addition historical data from previous years.
NOAA, in issuing its revised forecas, also cautioned that the conditions are very
favorable for storm development. A major factor is a weather phenomenon called La
Niña. shear over the Atlantic Basin, allowing site of an El Niño year when there are strong winds in the upper atmosphere over the Atlantic Basin that often tear storms apart.
According to NOAA, another reason o expect an active hurricane season is the warmer-than-usual water in the tropical Atantic and Caribbean. NOAA also cites the ropical multi-decadal signal that appeared in 1995. Since then, it has produced favorable ocean and atmospheric conditions, leading to more active hurricane seasons. With all of this in mind, the Emergency citizens and employees to prepare for the possibility of severe weather this year from a tropical storm or hurricane. Taking the time now to prepare for these perils and other emergencies as well will help to successfully
meet the challenges that these events can meet the challenges that these events can Bring.
Bure to obtain the Al
Hazards Guide that in Hazards Guide that is available at all Tribal communities, and visit the Department of Emergency Management website, http://www.sto-
femd.com, or call the department in Hollywood, 954 966-6300, ext. 11773, Big Cypress, 863-983-2150, ext. 12740 , or Brighton, $863-$
$357-7620$, ext. 15805 , $357-7620$, ext. 15805. For
non-life threatening calls about emergencies, please
call 1-800-617-7514 outside of normal business hours.


Brighton Water Study Brings Useful Information

## Water Quality Specialis

The Seminole Tribe Brighton Water Use Sudy is the lavesst
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 and how water deliveries occurred during times of drought. patterns; we have had reatter winter ("dry season") and a drier patterns; we have had a How might this impact South Florida Water Management water supply deliveries to the Brighton Seminole Indian Reserva-
tion? tion? ${ }^{\text {The Seminole Tribe Environmental Resource Management }}$ Department (ERMD) is looking ahead to Rewer that question and many others.
ERMD re
R ERMD recently initiated a study of water use for the Brighton
In the last 10 years, the Indian Prairie Basin has experienced severe drought, and flood events, including four hurricanes in one
year. year. In August 2009, ERMD recognized the advantage to the Tribe of studying water delivery and supply to the Brighton Reservation. With Tribal Council approval, ERMD applied to the United
States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for grant funding. The proposal was one of only two East Coast Tribe studies to receive funding from BIA under the Water Rights and Water Resources Management Planning and Pre-Development
Program. The Seminole Tribe received the largest Program. The Seminole Tribe received the largest grant amount. and water rights dispute with the state of Florida and through a negotiated Water Rights Compact, quantified the Tribe's entitled water rights for the Big Cypress Reservation and the Brighton
Reservation.
The Big Cypress Reservation Entitlement water supply is The Big Cypress Reservation Entitlement water supply is
47,000 acre/feet of water per year (divided into 12 equal amounts, to be delivered on a monthly basis). The South Florida Water


is 15 percent of water available to all users in the Lake Istokpoga Watershed; and an amount of water from Lake Okeechobee proportionaly in equal to the amount or hare Perimeter Basin.

The Big Cypress Reservation Entitlement Water
The Big Cypress Resest
The Brighton Reservation's entitlement process is based on percentages. It is the goal of the Seminole ERMD to obtain clear information on water supply for the Brighton Reservation as well. The Brighton Water Use Study developed by ERMD will be
objective professional independent study of water quantity dean objective professional independent study of water quantity de-
livered to the Brighton Reservation in a scientifically and legally
defensible manner.
The first part of the study requires investigation and ident fication of all water inflows to, and outflows from the Brighton
Reservation to determine if all water quantities are measured. It will also examine groundwater withdrawals by property owners adjacent to the Brighton Reservation to determine if there may be The second part of the study is to determine if the SFWMD water measurement calculations are correct by comparing their water flow data to actual water
flow measurements made in the field flow measurements made in the field. The SFWMD "measures" water flow
through Brighton by mathematical equations hether flood control water in the canals, and This portion of the study will determine if all water flowing into and out of Brighton Reservation is measured, and if the SFWMD water tow flows.
ter flows. The remainder of the Brighton Water Study will provide a comprehensive analysis
of water supply available to the Brighton Res of water supply available to the Brighton Res-
ervation for the past 10 years, and water used ervation for the past 10 years, and water used
by the Brighton Reservation. This study will consider current and future Brighton water use needs, as well as water use
needs in the future. The Seminole Tribe Environmental Re-
ource Management Department looks forward to receiving the results of the Brighton Water Use Study, and providing the informa-
tion to Brighton Residents and Tribal citizens. mation about the Brighton Water Use Study.

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SPD Officer Awarded Officer of the Year
BY LIEUTENANT JERRY MEISENHEIMER
Seminole Police Department
Anyone who knows Seminole Police Department Officer Kenneth Tillman will quickly say that he's a hard worker and is dedicated to providing community In recognition of his accomplishments, Tillman was recently awarded the
service.
South Officer of the Year Award at a ceremony sponsored by the Seminole Public South Officer of the Year Award at a ceremony sponsored by the Seminole Public
Safety Department. This is the second time he has received this distinction, havSafety Department. This is the second time he has received this distinction, hav-
ing received the award also in 2006 while he was the School Resource Officer at ing received the achool in Big Cypress.
In his six years of being stationed on the Big Cypress Reservation, Tillman
has worn several hats. He started as a road patrol officer and then became the has worn several hats. He started as a road patrol officer and then became the School Resource Officer. For the past two years he has served as the Agricultural
Officer; and has since been given the title Agricultural Detective. He currently Officer, and has since been given the title Agricultural Detective. He currently
investigates crimes that occur on the many back roads, pastures, groves, and wilinvestigates crimes that occur on the many back roads, pastures, groves, and wil-
derness areas of the reservation. His patrol vehicle is a four-wheel drive pickup, derness areas of the reservation. His patrol vehicle is a four-wheel drive pickup,
equipped with gear that makes the truck accessible to off road situations and emergencies.
emergencies.
Tillman was born in Okeechobee, Florida, but grew up in Immokalee, Flor-
ida where he completed his schooling He now lives in Alva near LaBelle, with ida, where he completed his schooling. He now lives in Alva, near LaBelle, with
his wife, Debbie. Their two sons are both firefighters. They have five grandchilhis wife, Debbie. Their tw
dren, who all live nearby.
dren, who all ive nearby.
In 1994, Tillman began working for the Seminole Tribe as a security officer at the Immokalee Casino. He then attended the police academy at South
fas Florida Community College in Avon Park and served for 16 years as a reserve law
enforcement officer with the Florida Freshwater Fish and Conservation Department. As such, he assisted in the late 90 sat the ValuJet airliner crash site in Miami, searching by airboat for the many victims' remains. He also made a notable
criminal arrest in the Corkscrew Sanctuary when he came upon illegal cutting of criminal arrest in the Cork
timber inside the Reserve.
As a sidelight, Tillman is also a proficient welder and heavy equipment me-
chanic, and his favorite hobby is fishing. But what he is most proud of are his contributions to the Seminole Community. He teaches kids lessons about ATV safety. He has acted as a chaperone
on four senior trips with the on four senior trips with the
elders, and for Boys \& Girls Club weekend campouts. During Hurricane Ka-
trina, Detective Tillman was deployed, along with other Seminole Police Depart-
ment officer volunters to ment officer volunteers, to
assist during the devastation assist during
on the Choctaw Reservations in Mississippi. This
month, Detective Tillman month, Detective Tillman
was a counselor at the Seminole Youth Camp in north Florida, where he was as-
signed to a cabin and superSigned to a cabin and super-
vised 11 boys, all 11 -yearsold. Detective Tillman received the Officer of the Year award from Chief of
Police William Latchford in Police William Latchford, in
front of Chairman Mitchell Cypress and other members of the Tribal Council.

## HR Team Hosts Employee Birthday Luncheon in Big Cypress



Photo above, on Aug. 5, Tribal employees from various Big Cypress departments line up to receive a
hearty lunch at the Human Resource Department-sponsored birthday Iuncheon at the Family Investment Center. Held every two months, it's meant to show employees the appreciation of the work they do for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and for the communities, according to Human Resources Assistant Marian Billie. The Human Resources Department wishes all of the Tribal employees
born in August a happy and belated birthday Left photo, Big Cypress birthday. Left photo, Big Cypress
Tribal Council Coordinator Alfonso Tigertail, left, and Big Cypress Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Noella Dyan O'Donnell, second from left, talk with Human Resource Department's Employee Benefits Manager Leslie S. Weber, second from right, and Human Resources Assistant Marian Billie, on how to update their employee benefits packages.

## Two Famous European Capitals, One Big Event, Seen Through the Eyes of a Young Seminole

BY MALCOM LACEY
SMP Intern
Our plane lands in London around 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 24 and I'm tired. I walk out along with
the other passengers and head towards Immigration. the other passengers and head towards Immigration. on the ground. The voices on the airport wide intercon
have British accents; I laugh for a second, and recour have British accents; I laugh for a second, and recoup
a straight face after I receive weird looks from people around me.
It's 11:20 a.m. and I'm opening the door to my
hotel room. It's hot in here, so I turn the thermostat to the lowest degree Celsius possible. After I put my bags the lowest degree Celsius possible. After I put my bags
down, I jump in the shower. I'm still in between days and trying to stay awake through Thursday. And in an
attempt to boost my energy, I turn the showe on as low as it can go and get in. It's cold, but at least I'm awake. It's Friday. 5:35 p.m. I just awoke from a pretty decent nap in my room near Hyde Park. The hotel is gor--
geous. The Intercontinental London, the sign read when geous. The Intercontinental London, the sign read when
I came in yesterday. I grab my old 35 mm Minolta, load it, and snap a few pictures of the view out my room. The
room phone rings. In 30 minutes, we're heading to the famous Hard Rock Calling concert.
My grandmother made a patchwork shirt for me or a whim before the trip and I decide to put that on and head down. I'm surprised as to how well it fits. I'm feel
ing anxious as I meet up with my "uncle" and his wife ing anxious as I meet up with my uncle and his wide
down in the lobby and proceed to head over to Hyde down Its cool tonight; dry too. I like the weather a lot.
Park. We continue to walk closer and when I see the large mass of people in front of the gates to get in; I feel sur-
prised. I had seen live video from BBC on the TV before I left, but I didn't think it would be this many people.
"This
Is a pretty big deal," I think and the anxiety comes "This is a pretty big deal," I think and the anxiety comes
back as soon I remember how much I'm going to stick out in this shirt. I'm carrying with me a large Canon
oumera and quickly tear it apart and stuff the lens in my
camer camera and quickly tear it apart and stuff the lens in my
cargo short pocket. Professional cameras aren't allowed
without photo passes and I don't have one. I'm nervous
again. But I slide past security and they don't notice. again. But I slide past security and they dont notice.
Looking at the crowd, I try to estimate how many people are here at the concert and realize it's probably more than any number I'm going to think of. So we walk aimlessly in search of the VIP section and get redirected several times when finally, after about 45 min -
utes of walking in circles around the crowd, we find the utes of walking in circles around the crowd, we find the
area. It's cozy and cool. We order something to eat and area. It's cozy and cool. We order something to eat and
relax while Pearl Jam gets ready to play their set. Larry, Kathy, and I decide not to go the concert tomorrow. Nearly two and a half hours it takes for a train leaving from London to reach Paris. We decide to do
it. We're on the Eurostar - a high-speed passenger it. We're on the Eurostar - a high-speed passenger rail
service that connects London with Paris and Brussels service that connects London with Paris and Brussels -
and I'm bracing myself for the next time my ears pop and Im bracing myself for the next time my ears pop
as we pass through the many tunnels. The crew serves us breakfast and it's good. I usually don't eat breakfast foods, but I couldn't pass up the eggs Benedict this morning.
I spend
I spend most of the ride to Paris staring into the English/French countryside. The haze is un-ignorable
and I fantasize for a moment about a huge vacuum that could come and suck it all up and spit it into outer space. A ridiculous thought. I think about how spoiled we are in south Florida.
"Parlez-vous français?" My two years of French and I can just barely get around. We spend an hour in
the Gare Du Nord trying to get a ticket for the SNCF the public train, before finally settling for a taxi. We the public train, before finally settling for a taxi. We And it's just that for a reason. Hundreds of people stand underneath its giant waiting to get to the top. The queue is nearly three hours so we just decide to take some pic-
tures instead of going up. We leave the park tures instead of going up. We leave the park and walk
towards the Arc de Triomphe. towards the Arc de Triomphe
I take a glance at my phone and notice it's a lot later than I expected: $1: 57$. The train leaves at $7: 20$ p.m.
We decide to go to the Hard Rock Cafe for lunch, of
grab a few Paris Hard Rock pins for my mother and the way and awake just before landing. I catch a glimpse older sister.
$3: 30$ Finally we get to the Arc de Triomphe. We
of the Miami skyline as we descend.
don't think I've ever seen that before. buy a few tickets and take a tour through the structure, which is actually much larger internally than I thought it would be. The three
of us trek through the several flights of of us trek through the several flights of
stairs and reach the top. The view is stairs and reach the top. The view is
incredible. I take several pictures and incredible. I take several pictures and
start to stare again at the distance. The start to stare again at the distance. The
haze is prominent over the entire city. All of the Rococo-, Baroque-, and Em-pire-style architecture in near perfect,
condition makes up for most of Paris' condition makes up for most of Paris' beauty. But still the blanket of pollu-
tion pulls me out of taking it all in. tion pulls me out of taking it all in.
Sunday we go back to the concer after we take another walk through London. It's hotter than it was before, but still more pleasant than anything in Florida. I walk around the concert with my camera and try to take as much
video and pictures as I can before security stops me and points me back to the VIP area and disallows me to leave. Faced with that predicament, I order some dinner and wait a while and exit
through the back and walk to my hotel. through the back and walk to my hotel.
I get in and fall asleep. get in and fall asleep.
Monday came too fast and all I
want to do is sleep in and stay want to do is sleep in and stay for a the way to the airport I tell Larry and Kathy how much I'd love to live here We get to check-in and make our way to the gate. Three hours left in London Two Hours. 30 minutes. The plane accelerates and we're up in the air again

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## Education

## Brighton Reservation Awarded for Supporting Education

BY RACHEL BUXTON
OKEECHOBEE - The Brighton Res hool District for its continued support of at the regularly scheduled Schoo ard meeting in Okeechobee. Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew
Bowers Jr. was recognized at the July 13 meeting with the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award by Okeechc
intendent Dr. Patricia Cooper.
"It is a great feeling and it goes toward the relationship that we have always had
with Okeechobee County," Rep. Bowers said. Each year the Florida Education Foundation and Florida Department of Education
recognizes businesses throughout the state that have shown an outstanding commitment to improving education by partner-
ing with schools in their community. The Brighton Reservation Board selected the Brghton Reservation as the honored busi-
ness for its financial contributions and moral support toward the Okeechobee schools.
"The Semial business partner for the school district o Okeechobee for many, many years," Coope said. "It's quite an honor for us to receive
that support, but it's nice recognition for th Seminole Tribe as well."
The Brighton Reservation and Semi nole Tribe give out scholarships to gemi ating seniors every year, to help further
their education. The Tribe has also offered financial athletic support by purchasing th
Okeechobee High School's softball fiel
 Toward educating the "Not only are Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cooper, left, presents long time friend Brighton hey business Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. with the Commissioner's Recognition ners with us, but the


Children's Author Visits Willie Frank Library BY JUDY WEEKS
BIG CYPRESS - Youngsters attending the Summer Enrichment Program at the
Willie Frank Library took a trip down the Little Wekiva River in central Florida on July 15. The unique aspect of their journey was the fact that they never left the library. Children's book author, Elaine C.
Huffman, introduced the group to Florida's Huffman, introduced the group to Florida's
fresh water ecosystem, wildlife and plants fresh water ecosystem, wildlife and plants
as she read to them from her most recent publication, "The Mis-Tails of Mooshca and the Little Wekiva River."
"Children, animals and a desire to
protect our environment were the ecidprotect our environment were the decid-
ing forces behind my book," said Huffman. ing forces behind my book," said Huffman.
"As rescue advocates, my husband, Danny, As rescue advocates, my husband, Danny, and I adopted a stray cat who wandered on
to our property and into our hearts a few
years ago. We named her Mooschca, which
"We for little darling." on the banks of the pris"We live on the banks of the pris-
tine Little Wekiva River near Altamonte
Spring, Springs, which is a rich wildlife habitat,"
Huffman introduce children to the wonders of the world that surrounds them, I chose the op-
portunity for them to explore through the eyes of my cat. The positive response has been overwhelming and I am currently young people."
Reading with animation and sound Rects, Hufing with animation and sound ef encouraged their participation as the story unfolded.
"Books are a key that can open doors pathway to the future," said Willie Frank pathway to the future," said Willie Frank


Above left, second grader Geneva Garcia receives awards and certificates
from Education Director from Education Director
Emma Johns at the Immokalee Education Inmokaiee Education In-
centive Awards. Above, Education Director Emma Johns, right, recognizes
Allison Garza for her colAllison Garza for her col-
lege achievements and lege achievements and
making the Dean's List. Left, Maria Billie and Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar congratulate Esmeralda Billie for receiving her high school
diploma.

Immokalee Students Received Incentive Awards at Banquet


#### Abstract

$\xrightarrow[\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }]{ }$ IMMOKALEE - Immokalee st dents and their parents gathered at the gym for a good old fashioned country-western for a good old fashioned country-western hoedown on the evening of Aug. 12 to cel hoedown on the evening of Aug. 12 to cel- ebrate the Education Incentive Awards. Rail fences with a corral gate, a horse drawn carriage, and bales of hay, saddles, wanted post- ers and checkerboard tablecloths created ers and checkerboard tablecloths created an atmosphere right out of the Wild West atmosphere right out of the Wild West. "This has been an amazing year and you "This has been an amazing year and you have made that possible. Attendance in the after school homer after school homework program has soared and grade averages are climbing upward. We have seven high school graduates from our community and two college students," said community and two college students," said Education Advisor Victoria Soto. Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said, "I was sent to school for only four reasons: learn English, read- ing, writing and arithmetic. When I thought I had these under control, I quit school. It wasn't long before I learned that this was not enough. I felt ashamed as I sent my children to school and asked them to get the educato school and asked them to get the educa- tion that I have turned my back on, so I went back to school and got my GED." "Education has always been important and I encourage you to take advantage of it and I encourage you to take advantage of its opportunities," continued Liaison Aguilar. "Go to school and bring back the wonder "Go to school and bring back the wonderful gift of knowledge. Embrace your culture time comes. Our language and culture will die without your. Your ancestors fought hard for you to be here and now you for you to be here and now you must carry


on the torch for the next generations. Think pleted her GED and plans to continue he
about your choices and get an education un-
deducation by attending cosmetology school.
der your belt so that you can someday reder your belt so that you can someday re-
place me!" place me!" Seminole Education Departmen Seminole Education Department Director Emma Johns recognized the staff of
the Immokalee Education Team and talked
 they develop their educational careers. $\quad$ open campfire. Both children and adult $\begin{array}{ll}\text { they develop their educational careers. } & \text { open campfire. Both children and adult } \\ \text { "We are here to help you make positive } & \text { rushed back for seconds and then surrounde } \\ \text { choices and achieve your goals," said Johns. } & \text { the dessert table for generous slices of cake }\end{array}$ choices and achieve your goals," said Johns. "Immokalee has a wonderful group of very proud of your increased attendance and grade averages. You have what it
takes for success and we are here to help you get it."
Higher Education Advisor Linda Iley invited the graduates to explore their Allison Garza for making the Dean's Allison
List.
Tutoring Advisor Julissa Collazo explained the Summer Reading Challenge Program and congratulated the partici pants for outstanding effort.
"You are an extraordinary group of children and we are rewarding you with medals of achievement for a job well
done" Collazo said. "These kids have racked up a lot of hours in the log book while improving their reading skills, vo cabulary and study work habits. There
are many high achievers on this list, but are many high achievers on this list, but
Priscilla Alvarado earned the highest score with 148 hours."
A high school diploma was awarded Esmeralda Billie who recently co

Yzaguirre in presentation of the Educatio
$\uparrow$ PLEASE SEE LIST OF GRADUATES ON 4B


From right, Education Director Emma Johns presents Esmeralda Billie with her high school diploma.

## Naples Gives Incentive Awards During Trip to Tennessee

## BY JUDY WEEKS

 Freelance ReporterNAPLES ays a key ro Parental involvement dren and the Naples community takes this to heart. With students enrolled in public

monitored by their parents, the Seminole
Education Department and the Parents AdEducation Department and
visory Committee (PAC).
"Attendance at the homework assistance and tutoring program offered at the Juanita Osceola Center is a tremendous success," said Tutoring Specialist Julissa Col-
lazo. "This is a very close knit community
and watching the children's progress, I have noticed that the after school programs have
become a social experience as well as educational. The youngsters have told me that cationa. The youngsters have told me that
they look forward to their sessions at the center followed by a chance to spend time together in the culture workshop."

While planning a community trip to Tennessee, it was no surprise when
the members decided to combine the members decided to combine
their vacation with the presentation
of the Education Incentive Awards. Traveling to the Lodge at Buckberry Creek in Gatlinburg, Tenn.,
the families visited the Dollywood the families visited the Dollywood
theme park and Smokey Mountains
National Park. The younger generation enjoyed the amusement park and
sightseeing by day, and also looked forward to the s'mores over a campfire and storytelling at the lodge dur-
ing the evenings. Family time ining the evenings. Family time in-
cluded hiking and games on the large cluded hiking and ga
veranda at the inn.
Pointing to the panorama of the
Smokey Mountains, Naples Liaison
Smokey Mountains, Naples Liaison
O.B. Osceola, Jr. said, "Education is
like these mountains. It is something solid that you can depend on for the
future; however it isn't always easy future; however it is.
to achieve our goals.
"Sometimes the
"Sometimes the climb is steep and rough, but you must not give
up," Liaison Osceola Jr. said. "If you up," Liaison Osceola Jr. said. "If you
work hard, you will reach plateaus
where you can rest and plan your where you can rest and plan your
strategy for the next phase of learnstrategy for the next phase of learn-
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summit, you will feel that you have summit, you will feel that you have
reached the top of the world and it
will be time to extend a helping hand reached the top of the world and it
will be time to extend a helping hand
to those who come after you." From left, Ross Zepeda, Joseph Osceola-Lugo, Malcolm Wallace, Tori Osceola, Martin Slavik, Dominic Osceolatheir wits over a game of chess while waiting for darkness that would bring the s'mores campfire.


Naples community members took their children on a vacation to Tennessee in conjunction with the Education Incentive Awards presentations.

Assisted by Cultural Specialist Jessica Osceola, 0. B. Osceola, Jr. distributed the faples Education Incentive Awards as tol
Kindergarten: Joseph Osceola-Lugo, Alexus
Walden. Walden.
1st Grade: Martin Slavik GPA 3.45 Three or Less Days Absent; Mari Veliz GPA 3.84

2nd Grade: Dominic Osceola-Lugo GPA 3.14; Patsy Veliz GPA 3.37
Less Days Absent

3rd Grade: Allegra Billie GPA 3.39
4th Grade: Nicole Slavik GPA 3.76 Perfect Attendance; Ross Zepeda GPA 3.36.

5th Grade: Matthew Billie GPA 3.94 Three or Less Days Absent-Awards \& Certificates; GPA 3.73 Awards \& Certificates.
6th Grade: Courtney Osceola; Victoria Osceola GPA 3.03; Corinne Zepeda GPA 3.19, Three or Less Days Absent.
8th Grade: Marissa Osceola GPA 3.88 Honors Class.
9th Grade: Kaitlin Billie GPA 3.38; Bryce Osceola GPA 3.40 Honors Class-Awards \& Certificates.

10th Grade: Jessica Osceola GPA 3.66 Honors Class-Perfect Attendance; Dakota Osceola Effort Award.

## Tribal Youth Recognized for Outstanding Academics at Incentive Awards



Amanda Smith receives her award for earning her Associates Degree and Indian River State College.

Higher Education Awards:
Bryan Arledge-Bachelor of Scienc
Amanda Smith-Associate Degree
Melanie Jones
Hayden Roberts
Elizabeth Dehass
Duelle Gore
Jenna McDuffie Hayden Roberts
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Caylie Huff Caylie Huff
Isaiah Bishop Kyle Entry
Shaela French Justin Gopher, Jr.
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Hunter Howard Todd Pierce
Dakota Micco Kamani Smith Kai Osceola

Blake Baker
Aleina Micco Ridge Bailey Conner Thomas
Burgundy Pierce Kano Puente
Oscar Yates Oscar Yates
Tavis Jumper Joseph Toneges

Rylee Smith Cyrus Smedley Chole' Chalfant Ivess Baker
Joseph Osceola Joseph Osceola
Brian Bishop Rodolfo Juarez

Elijah Billie Aiyana Tommie Camryn Thomas Layne Thomas
Hunter Strickland Mason Micco

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Tanner O'Donnell

First Grade Jahbahn Arnold Davin Carrillo
Alek Betscher Alee Betscher
Morgan Yates Mamone Baker Kiowa Garcia Jagger Gaucin Leon Edouard Second Grade Madisyn Osceola Dante Thomas
Edward Gaucin Edward Gaucin
Araya Youngblood Araya Youngblood Silas Madrigal Malcolm Jones Julia Smith Lauren O'Donnell Ozzy Osceola

Luzana Venzor Keely Billie Satie Ricco
Alyke Baker Alyke Baker Lucas Osceola Billy Yates Michael Harvey Krysta Burton
Gage Riddle
Fourth Grade

| Logan Ortiz | Martina Herrera |
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| Isaac Osceola | Elijah Billie |
| Perrell Bert | Aiyana Tommie |
| Jalynn Jones | Camryn Thomas |
| Morgan King | Layne Thomas |
| Bly Davidson | Hunter Strickland |
| Krystal Toneges | Mason Micco |
| Bakari Micco |  |

Elle Thomas
Tatiana Torres Tatiana Torres
Warrick Billie Warrick Bilie
Jaime Smith
Caleb Burton Caleb Burton Malakai Micco Corey Jumper
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Jayton Baker Norman Osceola
Mariah Billie Mariah Billie
Haylie Huff Laila Bennett Brandon Entry Ryanna Osceola Kobe Jimmie Aleah Turtle Tanner Shore Dalence Carrillo
Myron Billie Jyacee Jumper Waylynn Bennett Keira French Shyla Gopher
Nyah Davidson

Danyelle Boromei Cady Osceola Drake Lawrence Alicia Fudge
Lance Howard Aidan Tommie Joshlynn Micco Sheldon Garcia Robert 0'Donnel


Melanie Jones is one of nine Brighton 2010 high school graduates. With a camouflage décor the Brighton community headed to the gym Aug. 11 to recognize the academic
achievements of the Tribal youth at the 2010 Brighton Education Incentive Awards. The achievements of the Tribal youth at the 2010 Brighton Education Incentive Awards. The
Education Department awarded 75 percent of Brighton's Tribal youth with academic awards including honoring two college graduates and nine high school graduates. Along with their award each recipient received a backpack and folder to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. -Rachel Buxton


Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. congratulates Jennifer Tommie on her

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JT Smith
Tatiana Herrera
Jennifer Tommie
Daniel Nunez, Jr.
Brittany Oakes}

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Crysten Smith Sean Osceola Gabrielle Doctor Raylon Eagle Zachary Gopher Rayven Smith CW Ortiz Trista Osceola Michael Garcia Cheyenne Nunez Donovan Osceola Rumor Juarez
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Larissa Cortez Larissa Cortez

Eighth Grade

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| Sheila Jones | Eleventh Grade | Ceejae Smith. |
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Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. congratulates Jerry Smith

| Tammy Martinez | Jaden Puente |
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| Silas Madrigal | Hunter Strickland |
| Cheyenne Nunez | Daniel Nunez, Jr. |
| Caleb Burton | Leilani Burton |
| 3 or Less Days Absent: |  |
| Tyra Baker |  |
| Ramone Baker | Jaylen Baker |
| Ruben Burgess | Jaytron Baker |
| Ashlee Gopher | Larissa Cortez |
| Lance Howard | Karey Gopher |
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| Corey Jumper | Rodolfo Juarez |
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| Aidan Tommie |  |

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## Dr. Brian C. Rush

Chiropractic Physician Successfully Treating... - Neck Pain - Lower Back Pain - Headaches - Leg \& Arm Pain - Joint Pain - Muscle Pain

- Auto Accident Pain



## Big Cypress Recreation Department Takes Children on Annual Field Trip to Lion Country Safari

Freelance Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - The Willie Frank Library's Zoo Week wound down to the perfect climax by coordina nual field trip to Lion Country Safari on July 16. Lions,
giraffes, hippos, chimps, deer and zebras were among the giraffes, hippos, chimps, deer and zebras were among the many creatures that delivered an important message to
the children attending the Summer Enrichment Program. Mankind and the animals of the Earth depend upon each her for survival.
The children The children were able to get close to hundreds o
animals and birds while taking a safari adventure throug 300 acres of natural wildlife habitat. Enhanced by an informative audio presentation, they visited the forests and
savannas of Africa, Australian Outback, mountains of savannas of Africa, Australian Outback, mountains
South America and tropical rainforests of the world. South America and tropical rainforests of the world.
"It has been a lot of fun at the library making ti "It has been a lot of fun at the library making the
pages for our own pop-up zoo books," said Mariah Smith. "But coming here to see the animals has been awesome
The giraffes and their baby are my favorite. They are sc tall, but look so gentle and friendly."
"The hippos must weigh tons, and tons, and tons, "The hippos must weigh tons, and tons, and tons,
remarked Willie Smith. "I bet the ground shakes whe


Trinity Williams wants to know what we can do to avoid future extinction like the dinosaurs of prehistoric times.


From right, Willie Smith, Trinity Williams and Thomlynn Billie look at the ancient past through archeology.


Mariah Smith chose a cuddly stuffed lion for a playmate rather than the more ferocious king playmate rather than the more ferocious king
of the beasts who lives at the zoological park.


From left, Jonah Alvarado, Tyrus Billie and Issiah Alvarado cool down at the Safari Splash Water Park.


Cece Thomas, left, and Telena Holata, get to know their new teacher Alisa Whyte while doing crafts. Decorated in a western theme with teachers in denim and bandanas, the Brighton Preschool welcomed parents and students Aug. 5 for an open
house to help get the children ready for their first day of school Aug. 9 . Students house to heip get the children ready for their first day of school Aug. 9 . Students
were introduced to their teachers and new classrooms for the upcoming school were introduced to their teachers and new classrooms for the upcoming school
year. Students received goodie bags to get them excited for the big day and then enjoyed refreshments with their parents. -Rachel Buxton

## Open House Gives Brighton Preschoolers Opportunity

 to Meet Their Teachers for the School Year

Teacher Laverne Thomas helps Cece Thomas put on her handmade western necklace.


Kaylee-Joe Gore practices her letters with Grandma Molly and teacher Dorothy Rucks.

## Trail Students Attend Back to School Bash

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
TAMIAMI TRAIL - Children of the Trail community eagerly rushed to complete thei 9. The parking lot of the Petties Osceola Trail Field Office had been converted for their pleasure into a miniature water park with bounce houses and a slide for a Back 2 School Bash.

Dunning their bathing suits, they appeared to be oblivious to the summer rain showers that
passed over their heads. passed over their heads.
"The rain can't bother me; I'm getting wet anyhow,", said Mary Pauline Cantu. "This is re-
ally cool!"
Apparently everyone had the same idea as a steady stream of children made trip after trip
down the water slide into the pool screaming down the water slide into the pool screaming,
"Great White Shark!" and "I'm a Gator!" School began 10 days earlier for the 28 students to ensure early release in the spring for the Green Corn Dance without interfering with holidays and customary school breaks.

Parents gathered in the community chicke to keep a watchful eye on their children while dis cussing school schedules, rules and time frames
for the teaching programs. for the teaching programs.
"Community and par
education is one of the best investments that you will ever make," said Trail Liaison William Osceola. "Our children are the future and in order
for us to survive, we must give them the tools for us to survive, we must give them the tools
necessary to achieve their goals. These are our future leaders and they will have the heavy burden of keeping our culture alive and providing for generations to come."
Seminole Education's K-12 Advisor Will Bacon conducted the first meeting of the 2010-
2011 Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) and 2011 Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) and
helped orchestrate the election of new officers. "You should all give yourselves a big pat on



Larissa Cortez takes the stage for her academic achievement.


Sheila Jones, left, receives her award for 10th grade

## Immokalee Education Incentive Awards Recipients

Immokalee Education Incentive Awards for the year of 2009-2010 were presented as follows:

High School Graduates:
Cassandra Jimmie-Advanced \& Honors Class, Josie Davis, Nikki Jo Davis, Allen Hernandez, Esmeralda Billie, Chey-
enne McInturff.

## Kindergarten:

Jaliyah Arteaga, Caniah Billie-Awards \& Certificates, Isaia Garcia, Jordan Osceola-Three or Less Days Absent, An-
thony Avalos, Jr., Sovann Gonzalez-Awards \& Certificates, thony Avalos, Jr., Sovann Gonzalez-Awards \& Certificates,
Maria Villarreal, Curtis Motlow-Perfect Attendance-Awards Maria Villarreal, Curtis Motlow-Perfect Attendance-Awards
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Less Days Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Nariah MataAwards \& Certificates.

1st Grade:
Spencer Aguilar GPA 3.87-Awards \& Certificates, Ahmad Spencer Aguilar GPA 3.87-Awards \& Certificates, Ahmad
Cumings-Awards \& Certificates, Kaden Grimaldo GPA 3.39-Three or Less Days Absent, Cameron Garza GPA 3.31, Randean Osceola GPA 3.81, Mercedes Davis GPA 3.36-Awards \& Certificates, Liberty Robbins GPA 3.91 Awards \& Certificates, Shyanna Escobar GPA 3.14-Perfect Attendance, Marina Garcia-Effort-Awards \& Certificates.

## 2nd Grade:

Eli Alvarado-Effort, Gregorio Reynosa-Effort, Priscilla Alvarado GPA 3.25-Awards \& Certificates, K.J. Davis GPA 3.17-Perfect Attendance-Awards \& Certificates, Geneva Garcia-Effort-Awards \& Certificates, Raymond James Mora-Effort-Awards \& Certificates, Thoya Robbins-Awards
\& Certificates, Miah Davis GPA 3.11, Ezekiel Roberts GPA 3.06-Awards \& Certificates, Kegan Sanchez GPA 3.11-Awards \& Certificates, Kenau Correa GPA 3.00, Brandon Frank GPA 3.22.

## 3rd Grade:

Issiah Alvarado GPA 3.31-Three or Less Days AbsentAwards \& Certificates, Nicholas Correa GPA 3.07, Jack Aguilar GPA 3.45, Three or Less Days Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Joshua Colon GPA 3.69-Awards \& Certificates Aiyanna Gonzalez-Effort-Awards \& Certificates, Jada
Holdiness GPA 3-68-Three Days or Less Absent-Awards \& Holdiness GPA 3.68-Three Days or Less Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Neo Motlow GPA 3.31, Mazzy Robbins-Effort-Garcia-Awards \& Certificates, Carlos Romero-Effort, Jillian Rodriguez GPA 3.67-Awards \& Certificates, Lindsey Posada GPA 3.72-Awards \& Certrificates, Jon Davis GPA 3.33-Awards \& Certificates.

> 4th Grade:

Haylie Holloway GPA 3.37-Awards \& Certificates, Paul Tahchawwickah-Effort, Amber Alvarado GPA 3.14, Cartaya Billie GPA 3.72-Three or Less Days Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Destinee Jimmie-Awards \& Certificates, Jon Jimmie-Awards \& Certificates, Gherri Osceola GPA 3.75, GPA 3.15-Awards \& Certificates, Zephaniah Roberts-Three or Less Days Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Billy Walker, Jr.- Effort-Awards \& Certificates, Allyson Yzaguirre GPA

Jonah Alvarado GPA 3.96-Three Days or Less AbsentAwards \& Certificates, Damion Escobar GPA 3.17-Three Days or Less Absent, Ethan Aguilar GPA 3.29-Three Days or Less Absent-Awards \& Certificates, Dennis Gonzales Jr.-Effort-Awards \& Certificates, Makayla Gonzalez-Award
\& Certificates, Alycia Mora GPA 3.42-Improved GPAAwards \& Certificates, John Robbins GPA 3.06-Awards Certificates, Alexander Garcia III-Effort, Kyle Alvarado GPA 3.15-Three Days or Less Absent.

Chelsey Alvarado GPA 3.68, Camisha Cedartree-Effort, Chelsey Ford-Three Days or Less Absent-Awards \& Cer-Jr.-Effort, Tarra Boone-Effort, Kenny Davis Jr.-Perfect Attendance-Awards \& Certificates, Joelli Frank-Advanced Class, Eliza Mora-Awards \& Certificates, Keniya YzaguirreAwards \& Certificates, Rheannon Robbins-Effort, Nehemia Roberts-Three Days or Less Absent, Cleofas Yzaguirre GPA 3.65-Awards \& Certificates, Randee Osceola-Effort.

## 7th Grade:

Larissa DeLaRosa GPA 3.76, Ashley Faz GPA 3.54, Vanessa wilie-Effort, Johnny Bo. Jade Tapia-Effort, Ellyse FrankEffort, Esyra Frank -Effort.

## 8th Grade:

Aaron Alvarado-Three Days or Less Absent, David Billie ell Davis-Improved GPA, Salena Perez-Effort, Marissa Sanchez-Improved GPA, Juliza Martinez-Effort.

## 9th Grade:

Alexis Aguilar GPA 3.93-Honors Class-Advanced Class, Taylor Boon-Effort, Damion Garza-Effort, Robert Yzaguirre Effort, Le'andra Mora GPA 3.63-Perfect Attendance.

## 10th Grade:

Corey Garcia-Effort, Charlie Osceola-Perfect Attendance, Starz Sanchez-Advanced Class-Honors Class. 3.58-Three Days or Less Absent, Spencer Jock-Effort, Michael Shaffer II GPA 3.95-Perfect Attendance.

## Reading Challenge Hours

Jack Aguilar 108, Ethan Aguilar 80, Priscilla Alvarado 148 Caniah Billie 88, Cartaya Billie 60, Jon Davis 51 , Kenny Davis Jr. 47, Crystal Garcia 58 , Geneva Garcia 62 , Marin Sovann Gonzalez 60, Alexis Jimmie 34, Destinee Jimmie 45, Aaliyah Mora 111, Alycia Mora 101, Eliza Mora 26, Raymond Mora 51, Neo Motlow 26, Ava Nunez 111, Dontae Russell 44, Grace Robbins 53, Mazzy Robbins 44, Liberty
Robbins 36, Thoya Robbins 38, Ezekiel Roberts 75 , Zephaniah Roberts 83, Jillian Rodriguez 68, Kegan Sanchez 107, Billie Walker 80, Jaliyah Arteaga 80, Keanu Correa 31, Ahmad Cummings 112, Keniya Yzaguirre 39. 4721 RAVENSWOOD RD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312
CARS \& TRUCKS DOMESTIC\& IMPORTS SERVING THE TRIBE OVER 15 YEARS


## Health

Big Cypress' Seminole Shape Up Program Focuses on Healthy Habits
 Left photo, the winners
present on the last day of the program, are, from left,
Erin Espinosa - Housing; Julie Bond - Big Cypress Administrative nity Center Carridin Bill nity Center; Carridine Billie driguez - Ahfachkee School; Valerie Whiteside - Ahfach Valerie Whiteside - Ahfach-
kee School. Right photo, dikee School. Right photo, di-
etitian Jillian Guralski, front,
talked about healthy eattaiked about healthy eat-
ing, weight gain and physieducator Lance Vaz spoke
ebout the body about the body mass index, and more.
 SEMINOLE SHAPEUP PROGRAM
ENDING June 29-30, 2010 WINNERS
Tribal Male: $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Tribal Male: } \\ \text { 1st Place - Bronson Hill } & \\ \text { 2nd Place - Carradine Billie } & 18.5 \text { lbs. } \\ & 6.5 \text { lbs. }\end{array}$

Tribal Female 1st Place - Pauletta Bowers 12.0 lbs
2nd Place - Wanda Billia

Non-Tribal Male 1st Place - Jesus Lizarraga
2nd Place - Ruben Hacman 3rd Place - Jose Solano $\begin{array}{ll}\text { th Place - Karlos Suarez } & 16.0 \text { lbs. } \\ & 16.0 \\ \text { lbs. }\end{array}$ Non-Tribal Female st Place - Crystal Wilcox 22.0 lbs . 1st Place - Julie Bond
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3rd place - Sabrina Dukes
16.0 lbs . $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 3rd place - Sabrina Dukes } & 16.0 \text { lbs. } \\ \text { 4th Place - Erin Espinosa } & 14.0 \text { bs. }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 4th Place- Robin Riley } & 14.0 \mathrm{lbs} . \\ \text { 5th Place - Patricia Rodriguez } & 13.5 \mathrm{lbs} .\end{array}$

Learn About Mold and How Important Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Is to Your Home

## BY KIRK TRENCHFIEL

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Health DepartTh is gearing up for a busy 2010 hurricane sea-
This could mean lots of rain in our area this heavy rains and Florida's high humidity are the periences water intrusion. We advise all homed problems.
Molds are living microorganisms that exist evywhere in the environment. Their purpose in na-
re is to help facilitate the decay of dead plant (cel-
like "eggs"

tended peri-
ods of time
(months to
years) until
the condi-
tions become
favorable for
What
Cans es
M oorl d

Growth In-
doors?

Mold will grow when three conditions are
all in harmony:
Food source (such as drywall, paper, Food source (such as drywall, paper,
clothes, leather, dust etc.) Moisture (water, condensation)
High humidity (usually above High humidity (usually above 60 percent). indoors?
The

The best way to minimize the chance of mold
Control the food source. Since mold loves to home as clean and dust free as possible. This also means changing your A/C filters on a monthly basis.
Control the moisture from water intrusion such as roof leaks, window leaks and plumbing leaks. Efdows and plumbing are in good condition. tween $45-55$ percent. The best way humidity bemidity in your home is to set the A/C thermostat the temperature too cold or too warm can cause conthermostat to make sure that your setting is accu-

What should I do if I have mold in my home? If you see mold, report it to your Housing de-
partment immediately. Do not touch the affected area. Limit occupant exposure to the affected area as much as possible. If you feel that you are ex-
periencing mold-related health effects, let Housing know so that the appropriate action can be taken to
keep your family safe. Make sure that Housing contacts the Health Department; we are here to help you maintain a
healthy indoor environment. Have a safe season ev-

## Gambling Addiction: Know the Signs and Where to Find Help



Mosquitoes Cause Serious Suffering. Be Informed on These Mosquito-Borne Diseases


## Follow These Tips and Have a Safe Labor Day

## SEminole tribe fire rescue department

The Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Department would like to wish eve happy and safe Labor Day holiday end of the summer season, when people take advantage of the $w$
friends and family. But this is also a time when serious accidents can happen from the misuse of
becue grills, fireworks and sparklers. The following are some safety follow when grilling, using fireworks and When grilling:

Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors (they give oo
known as carbon monoxide). known as carbon monoxide)
Place grill well away Place grill well away from the home,
deck railings and out from under overhanging branches. $\bullet$ Keep children and pets away from the
grill area. grill area. - Keep grill free from fat buildup and the tray below the grill surface.
-Do not leave the grill u Charcoal grills:
-If you use starter fluid, only use char-
coal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire (possibility of the fire following the fluid back
into the can and burning you or an explosion of the fire itself).

## -Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach children and away from heat children and away from heat sources.

 coals com you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of em in a metal container.Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day!


## Fireworks and Sparklers:

- Use fireworks/sparklers outside only.
- Always have water handy.

Only use fireworks as intended. Do not alter them
work. Wait at least 20 minutes and then soak
-Do not mix alcohol and fireworks.
-The temperature of sparklers can reach temperatures of 1,200
degrees.
The Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Department recommends that you watch a professional show instead of making your own show.

Hurricane Portable Generator Safety Tips
-Generators should be operated in well-ventilated locations outdoors away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
not enter the home through windows, doors, or other openings.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Follow the manufactures advice for proper placement and mounting height.
-Do not refuel the generator while it is running; turn it off and allow it -Do not store fuel in the
should be stored outside home. Gasoline and other flammable liquids ers.
- Appliances should be plugged directly into the generator or a heavyduty outdoor rated extension cord. Check all cords for cuts and tears, and make sure the plug has all three prongs. If generator is to be connected to the house wiring to power appliances, a qualified electrician should install a properly rated transfer

In Order to Help Your Child, Know the Adolescent Brain


Don't you trust me?" your child asks. Your answer may be "yes," on many levels. But when it comes to decision-making drugs, it's not just about trust; it's about understanding the adolescent brain. There is a reason so many of our teens al, acting on impulse without considering the consequences. Blame it partially on their brain.

The part of the brain that promotes im-
teens, teens, while the brain area responsible for sion-making and impulse control is undergoing the most change (and will continue to develop well into a person's mid-20s) Because of this lack of brain maturity, teens and preteens do not have the ability to control impulses like adults do, which in turn increases an adolescent's chance of engaging in risky behavior, like smoking, nking and illegal drug use.
In this critical stage of development, friend, to step in, set clear boundaries and serve as that impulse control. How you can help your child: and other drug use

- Talk early and often

Know non-use rules
Know your child's friends (and their -Know where your child is at all times -Play an active role in your child's Sources: American Medical Asso ciation: Alcohol's adverse effects on the students. Califano, Josephts Jr. How to Raise a Drug-Froe Kid The Straight D to for Parents, NY, 2009 ParentsEmpowered. org: Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Utah Prevention.

Mission: The Big Cypress Team "Be The Wall Task Force" is dedicated to empowering youth to reject harmful substances by increasing education, mo-
tivation, collaboration, and awareness to tivation, collaboration, and awareness
create a safe and healthy community.

## SAFETY CORNER Know What Heat Emergencies Are and How to Treat Them

BY CHIEF DAVID LOGAN, FIRE MARSHAL Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue

The Sunshine State is a top tourist destination and second home for many visitors, largely due to the attractive subtropical climate, which is atypical from the rest of the

However, it is apparent to many that outdoor activities in the hot, humid conditions can become life threatening for those not prepared to deal with it. As the body succumbs to the heat hazard, and body temperature rises, the following symptoms of
one of these heat emergencies can occur: one of these heat emergencies can occur:
-Heat cramps occurs when exerting the - Heat cramps occurs when exerting the
body during strenuous activity in a hot environment, which leads to muscle pains and spasms, often in the legs. Typically this is an early warning that the body is in trouble
because it is dehydrated. The cramps are because it is dehydrated. The cramps are
caused due to a depletion of water salts caused due to a depletion of water, salts,

and minerals, and an effected person will
need to stop and address the problem imneed to stop and address the problem im mediately by
$\bullet$ Heat exhaustion causes the body to push blood to the skin in an effort to increase cooling because too much water is being released through heavy sweating. This takes
blood from the vital organs, resulting in blood from the vital organs, resulting in a
mild shock condition and symptoms including paleness, nausea, dizziness, fainting and a high body temperature. This is a very serious situation that requires the person to move to a cooler place and to drink wate
(unless the person begins to vomit) (unless the person begins to vomit). -Heat stroke, is most severe out of the
hree heat emergencies, and a deadly heat illness. The key symptom is that the person becomes hot and flushed but is not sweating because they have run out of adequate sweat to cool the body. There may still be sweat on the skin, but no or very little sweat is be-
ing produced. Other symptoms are loss of ing produced. Other symptoms are loss of
consciousness, seizures and delirium. The body temperature has reached 105 degrees and this is definitely a life-threatening situation in which emergency medical services hould be contacted immediately.
-Outdoors temperatures can become extremely dangerous when it them prolonged periods of time. If it is necessary
to be outdoors, include periodic breaks in a cool environment. Even a shaded area such as underneath a tree may be 10 degrees cooler than the direct sunlight temperature. -Hydrate Yourself by drinking plenty of
liquids (at least eight glasses per day),
cially prior to outdoor activities in the heat. However, coffee and sodas, which contain
caffeine, should be avoided because they are diuretics and increase fluid loss within the body.
Parked
Parked vehicles can reach soaring temcause the heat is contained Open oors beto allow the heat to dissipate or turn on the air conditioning before entering. Remember not to leave children or pets in the vehicle, even with the windows cracked. Interior temperatures can rise quickly to cause coma
and/or death within several and/or death within several minutes.

First aid involves calling 911 and mov-
g the patient from the ing the patient from the heat into a cool en-
vironment. Begin to cool the patient immevironment. Begin to cool the patient imme-
diately with wet towels or ice packs to the neck, armpits and groin. Use a fan if possible or fan the patient manually, remove clothing, lie the patient down and elevate
the legs 6 to 12 inches until the emergency the legs 6 to 12 inches until the emergency liquids (at least eight glasses per day), espe- medical responders arrive.

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Love,
Cheyenne, Stevie, Brianna and all of your grandchildren


Happy "14th" birthday Daniel Nunez Jr. on Sept. 28, 2010. We are very proud of you for your hard work this year receiving
A's and B's all year and perfect attendance. Keep up the hard work and it will pay off in the future.

Love always,
Joleyne and Daliyah Courtney, Cheyenne, Joleyne and Daliyah


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able baby girl to a gorgeous, intelliabe baby girl to a gorgeous, intelli-
gent woman and we hope you Have a gent woman and we hope you Have a
wonderful birthday and wish you many, many more birthdays to come.

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THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA
Hollywood, Florida - The Seminole Tribal Council has requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No, C-257-10, "Secretarial Election, Amendment No. XXI to Constitution and Bylaws SemiMembers of the Seminole Tribe of Florida are tion will be held on SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment to the Tribal Constitution to retain or repeal Article II, Membership, Section 9. This election is being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with Part
81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations $(25$ CFR Part 81). 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations ( 25 CFR Part 81 ).

Pursuant to the requirements of 25 CFR $81.6(\mathrm{~d})$, adult tribal members who register Membership, Section 9 of the Tribal Constitution. A notice is being mailed to all tribal members 18 years of age and older thirty days prior to the election, at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll with a voter registration form enclosed. Any member who does not receive such form by mail should request one from the Seminole Agency, 6100 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 206, Hollywood, Florida 33024, or from the Election Board, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024

THE REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SEMINOLE AGENCY OR THE SEMINOLE TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM (CLOSE OF BUSINESS) ON AUGUST 16, 2010.

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idence, temporary absence from the reservation illness residence, temporary absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, the individual may vote by absentee bal
the voter registration forms. It is particularly important that only adult members who register to vote in this election will be permitted to cast ballots on the retention or removal of Article II, Membership,
Section 9 of the Tribal Constitution.
Immediately after the ballots are counted, the results of the election will be posted at he Seminole Agency and the Seminole Tribal Administrative Office.

## THANK YOU


#### Abstract

This is the hardest letter we have ver had to write! To start off we would like to write! To start off we would like to thank all the employees and friends for all the hard work and and friends for all the hard work and supplies given to our family at this supplies given to our family at this awful time in our lives. To all the people and departments that sent flowers and cards, and for all the prayers, love and support we have! To SPD you went over and above to let us know you were there to help. We wanted to and all the people who showed up in support of our baby Tyler B. Cypress for his fishing tou for his fishing tournament. Lord willing we can do it again next year! You never expect for one of your children to leave this earth before you children to leave this earth before you and only having Tyler B. for 15 years and only having Tyler B. for 15 years was NOT enough! We miss and love him more than words can express Our hope is that every person reading this note would realize how precious and delicate life is and we only have but a second on this earth! So grab your love ones and hold them tight and tell them you love them. And to our other children we


 and dad love you!!Charlie \& Wendy Cypress and Family

## POEMS

## My Perfect Little World

In my perfect little world, people greet, smile They kiss and hug each time they meet.
Friends hold hands, and calm you fears; They stick around to wipe your tears. But in the world today, we just don't care, And showing love is somewhat rare. And showing love is somewhat rare.
When times are fun all friends are nea Then things get tough and must disap-
pear.
my perfect little world, we give
share;
We make it a point to show we care We live to love, and love to live,

But in the world today we strive on
greed
And crave the things we rarely need. And hurt with what we do or say.

And parents go that extra mile And parents go that extra mile
No child is ever harmed or hur Abused or treated just like dirt.
But in the world today most people cry And only pray in case they die.
We've given in to all that's bad We've given in to all that's bad,
And then complain that life is hard.

In my perfect little world we're all the same
And life is not a spiteful game. People are loyal, honest and just,
And value the gift of friendship anc trust.

But in the world today it seems, We've lost all hope or goals and dreams Malicious acts are seen as witty, I think it's sad and such a pity.

In my perfect little world, children

## "My Princess"

## M-y love, my heart, my soul is my gift to you -our smile, your love is the reward I would want

 . like ge morP-recious, like a gem made by angels to shine forever R -eleasing the passion inside me that burns for you. I-ntertwining our destinies, so that we two soul mates, -reating our own bond live out our hopes and dreams E-xplore the mysteries, and to enjoy life as it should be S -haring the peace and love that everyone looks for. S-o in the end I want nothing, because I have everything I need

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## CAMP KULAQUA - SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA'S ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH CAMP <br> Life Lessons Happen on the Sidelines

## Beneath the Blob - What Really Goes on at Seminole Youth Camp?

ers say they learned. Almost every youth I talked to
said what Aaron Alvarado, age 14 (Immokolee) said what Aaron Alvarado, age 14 (Immokolee) says, home with me. I will keep reminding myself, 'I need to respect my parents, help my parents." The message o respect was continuously reinforced in the cabins, dur ing lunchtime, on the ball fields.

Fred Mullins, a Family Services Counselor at Imme helped one boy learn how to put the big concept of respect into action by giving him three easy-to-follow steps: Be slow to speak. Be slow to anger. Be quick to listen. The boy thanked Fred by making him a red, yellow, white and black beaded very day.
And, if And, if the connection with caring adults doesn
the trick, youth are encouraged to act respectfull through monetary rewards. Counselors are on the look out for "random acts of kindness and respect," and when adult is speaking, or picking up trash, they reward them with play money that campers can spend at the Canteen
4. With Parents' Help, It

## Continues

he lessons kids learn at camp don't stop when they get
home. Justin Roff, age 14 (BC), used to wake up at 11, but started waking up at 6 at camp, "Waking up early gives you a better feel-
ing for the day. I'm going to try ing for the day. I'm going to try
get up early when I get home." Logan Ortiz, aget 11 (Brigh-
ton) says on the final day of camp, "I learned to eat healthy foods and to be active every day. I plan to work out at the gym."
But these quotes came from But these quotes came from
the kids in the midst of the magical camp. In reality, sticking with healthier habits of mind, body and spirit is challenging. Parents and other adults are
needed. needed.
"I think the youth can retain what they learned if their par-
ents help by making healthier foods available, by encouraging
them to drink lots of water", said them to drink lots of water," said
Cindy Aguilar, who, with her Cindy Aguilar, who, with her
husband, Edward, was a volunhusband, Edward, was a volunward attended camp with their two sons, and intend on keeping the healthy habits going all year. "It's doable," she says. family support, youth will need and can use the support of tribal
programs to stay healthy.,"We
can't do this camp all year," says

## Stan Frischman, Assistant Recreation Director, BC. "If kids get home and start saying, 'I'm bored, remembe

 that all the reservations have great rec departments."Two hours before camp ended, Jennifer Tommie Two hours before camp ended, Jennifer Tommie,
age 13 (Brighton) was standing with two friends on her cabin's porch. She was realistic as she thought about what the next several months held in store for her "There will be relationship drama when
Her two friends agree, and add that there's also a ot of peer pressure and parents don't really understand what teens are going through. "We know they care. They tell us to behave," say the girls. But their lives are
complex. "There are people fighting, spreading rumors, complex. "There are people fighting, spreading rumors and lots of drama at school," say the girls.

Camp lessons will help them. They say they learned help from parents, family and tribal staff to repeatedly put these lessons into action during the school year. 5. It Changes the Community

## This is the camp's sixth year. It started with 32

 youth. This year attendance was around 220. Campersthe campers have been to camp multiple times.
The atmosphere of camp is changing, noted many
ults. It is calmer, saff are more experienced. But something morse, the staff are more experienced. But something more pro-
found is happening. Youth are changing. The camp is having an impact.
Lilly Yawn has been a cook at Camp Kulaqua since
the first time the camp was held there She wathe the first time the camp was held there. She watches the dinner buffet line, to make sure the aluminum pans
are never empty. She has a peaceful, non-food related look on her face. "I've noticed a change in the youth. They've become more respectful. I just want to hug hem all." Seminole Summer Youth Camp is not a one-time,
week-long vacation. It is a life-changing multi-year week-long vacation. It is a life-changing, multi-year
experience for youth, starting at age 7 and ending at experience for youth, starting at age 7 and ending at
17. Imagine if a boy or girl, age 7, goes to camp each summer for 10 years. Imagine if, during the school year, parents, staff and tribal programs reinforce what he youth learned. Imagine if health of mind, body and spirit, high self esteem, and respect of peers, elders, and community is embraced, put into practice and never for
gotten by $250,300,350$ Seminole youth. gotten by $250,300,350$ Seminole youth.
No need to imagine. This is happening now.


Rafting the Ichetucknee River is one of camp's highlights. Youth learn courage, trying new things and patience.


"It's dangerous out there. Even when you think it's safe, there's drugs and kids joining gangs. That's why it's good helps youth learn teamwork, stay active and have a strong cultural identity. It helps them from doing drugs and joining gangs." Nick Frank, counselor


ALI STOBIES AND PHOTOS
SUBMITTED BY THE SEMINOLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT There's a blob, a go cart track, a disc golf course
ports fields, a river raft trip, a water park, even a zo with a tiger. Is this Camp Kulaqua, the Seminole Trib of Florida's Annual Summer Youth Camp? Or is cyber-bulling presentations, or internet safety work-
chops? This was the sixth year the camp was held.. a good time to ask, What is The Real Seminole Yout Camp, its heart?. What lies beneath the blob? Here is nole Youth Camp:

## 1. Youth Get It

in messages what their age, campers understand the main messages at camp. They get it if the message is about health. "Some health drinks tell you they ar
healthy, but when you start learning about them, you find out they have a lot of sugar and sugar's not good for ur health," says Darius Friday, age 11, (BC). They get the message if it transcends physical health to balanced health. To have a good life, you have to get
an education, don't do drugs, play sports, have a family that loves you and takes care of you and feeds y
day," says John Osceola, age 10, (Hollywood)

They get the message if it's scary (like the message in the safety class). "I learned a little girl got captured
so I shouldn't walk on the street alone," says Randear sceola, age 7 (Immokalee)
On the same topic, 10 -year-old Stanley Cypress,
$10(\mathrm{BC})$ says, "I learned that abductions age $10(\mathrm{BC})$ says, "I learned that abductions happen.
You should kick and scream and have a positive mind You should kick and scream and have a positive mind.
"Did the workshop make Stanley more afraid? "No," he They get the message if it hits home (like the mes-
sage in the internet safety class) "I leaned the sage in the internet safety class). "I learned that sexting
is a felony and that child predators are everywhere. I'm is a felony and that child predators are everywhere. I'm
going to be more careful, and if I see friends doing dangoing to be more careful, and if I see friends doing dan-
gerous behavior, I'm going to tell them to stop," says

## 2. Campers' Behavior Changes

Many adults noticed youth's behavior improving each day. In the course of one week, little, positive they wanted my attention, they said, 'Hey!' Now they -year-old girls
Tommy McGee, After Care Counselor from Holwood says, "I was standing in line to get a drink, and
7 -year-old boy passed in front of me. He looked up at -year-old boy passed in front of me. He looked up at These small changes in behavior may seem insigificant by themselves, but when you have a movemen through camp of better behavior in seven days, and near the end of camp, a 12 -year-old boy opens the door for you to let you go first, now, that is really something. Campers Learn Respect Teamwork
espect and More Respect
main lesson that camp


"I learned I have to be able to control my temper, calm it dow. Tyler Tiger my temper, calm it down." Tyler Tiig
tail, age 15 (Big Cypress)


## 


"We showed the youth a 5-pound bag of sugar. This is the amount of sugar
you get if you drink two sodas you get if you drink two sodas a day for
a month. All of them seemed shocked. They said, 'Oh my gosh! I didn't know soda had that much sugar!'" Jillian Guralski, Dietician


hean. Voices rose. Muscular, sweaty bodies
leaned in, took steps toward each other. Counelors moved in and separated the group into wo. After 5 minutes of talking and listening, a counselor said, "You got everything out of you?
Then that's it." Some of the boys shook hands. All went that they could get over it, or not. In 15, short, heated minutes, the counselors had given five
young men tools to solve interpersonal con young men tools to solve interpersonal con-
flicts, to acknowledge fear talk things out care flicts, to acknowledge fear, talk things out, care
for each other as brothers- cousins-family, to for each other as brothers- cousins-amily, to
look for the good in people and ignore the bad, and OMG, the big one, the biggest one -- the option to forgive, get over it, and get on with Camp.
Would each boy really "get" this mini-life
lesson conducted on the sports sidelines? E boy had the remainder of the day, the next three days of camp, and the weeks and months ahead to decide.














 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { vices Staff Ray Yzaguirre from Immokolee } & \text { the conflict. } \\ \text { summed it up: "The camp is more than playing } & \text { "You feel like you have to prove to some- } \\ \text { sports and learning about managing your bank } & \text { one you're not scared? But there's no need to } \\ \text { account. It's about learning to care about each } & \text { prove yourre not afraid. No one's asking you to } \\ \text { other and love each other." } & \text { do this. You don't have to prove nothing to no } \\ \text { Caring and love can't easily be learned in } & \text { one," said Darryl. This is camp. This is magic } \\ \text { a workshop, but can possibly be learned on the } & \text { Seminole Youth Camp, where there is a water } \\ \text { sides of a ball field. This was demonstrated on } & \text { park, a blob, a Canteen selling pepperoni. (Dar- } \\ \text { a hot, sweaty camp afternoon. } & \text { ryl didn't exactly say that. . ee used other words } \\ \text { At the end of a game of a testosterone- } & \text { to get the young men to see that, through posi- } \\ \text { charged flag football, a group of five young men } & \text { tive thoughts, they could shape their reality.) } \\ \text { were standing with arms crossed and smile-less } & \text { The young men's arms were still crossed. } \\ \text { faces on the side of the field. A counselor says } & \text { They weren't buying it. They were mad. Dar- } \\ \text { to another, "We've got to diffuse this."." } & \text { ryl tried another angle. "You are brothers and } \\ \text { Detaisls spared, some boys were not happy } & \text { cousins. You're from the same creed. You're } \\ \text { with others. The counselors encouraged them } & \text { from common ground. "He encouraged them } \\ \text { to voice their gripes. Brighton School Resourc- } & \text { to stop focusing on the one thing that peeves } \\ \text { es Officer Darryl Allen challenged the campers' } & \text { them. "Find one thing you like about the other } \\ \text { assumptions of one another. He gave them an } & \text { person." Arms still crossed. } \\ \text { idea that maybe, just maybe, their perceptions } & \text { Ray took over and instructed the young } \\ \text { of each another were wrong. Maybe they didn't } & \text { men to let it out, say exactly what was bugging }\end{array}$
know each other. He listened intently, and then

## CAMP KULAQUA - SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA'S ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

## Teens Get an ABC Lesson From Boss

## $\mathrm{NH}_{4}$

locations away from hom
Camp Unifies, with Friends, with Purpose
old feeling of "when everyone knew everyone Campers from Hollywood, BC, Brighton, Immo kalee, Tampa, Trail, and Ft.
ately mixed together in cabins
$\qquad$ 'I'm from Brighton. I'm from
Helene Buster, Camp Director
 But do living, playing and learning together together? "I've realy bring kids, and an entire tribe together?
dra Baker, age 14 (BC)
She lists where her

The lessons at Seminole Youth
Camp happen everywhere, at every moment. While campers are drawin posters, they are also learning about-
working together as a team and treating others with respect.
On the morning of the third day the younger campers are making posters that sum up camp. Sounds
easy, but it means multiple ideas and easy, but it means multiple ideas and
abilities, and in the end, one poster. It
requires collaboration, and collaborequires collaboration, and collabo
ration requires ego containment, and choosing words wisely. At a table of six 10 -year-old girls,
things go well, initially. Counselor and Tampa Police Officer Claudia Acevedo asks the girls to sketch their ideas on small pieces of paper. Every-
one gets busy. One poster stands out: a simple black line drawing of a gir running with words above that read Seminole Youth Camp,
below that read Shine On


Art projects are important learning les Art projects are important learning les
sons. Youth learn to problem solve as group - to listen more and speak less. (Note to parents - Donovan taped his
mouth shut - it wasn't us!) mouth shut - it wasn't us!

She says she used to have only three friend from other reservations. Now, she has dozens When Lisandra goes to an event at a different res ervation, she will see people she knows, people who are already friends. " will feel more conf Justin Roff, age 14 (Brighton) agrees." "I made
new friends from diferent reservation," he says new friends from different reservation," he says,
then goes on to explain why this is important. "If then goes on to explain why this is important. "If for our kids and their kids.

## Poster Assignment Looks Simple, but Requires Grown-Up Skills

## Who agrees?" she wisely asks. No on the ground, have a healthy heart, done, each group brings their poster <br> to a corner of the dining hall, and

answers. Shine On's creator is too
shy to speak up and five others are hy to speak up and five others are
rooting for their own ideas. Claudia asks again, "Do you agree?", Silence,
The tension is high at the girls" asks again, Do you agree." Silence,
The tension is high at the girls' table. But at a nearby table of 9 -yeartable. But at a nearby table of 9-year-
old boys, everyone is working to-
gether and making quick progress. They have already quick progress. main message: "Don't be a flea." Be drug free. Everyone is happily add-
ing their art on the sidelines of the main slogan-- collaboration at its At other tables kids are drawing At other tables kids are drawing
rainbows, American flags, coke cans encircled with the international no sign. Pasted onto many of the post-
ers are soccer balls, footballs, turtles and even a penguin. Words read: take bath, wash your hands, don't do a


While making box cars, creative ideas and enthusiasm flow; and youth are reminded to get along, share and take turns. props it up. Some have central designs, signaling that one person's de-
sign was voted in. Others have 6,8 , sign was voted in. Others have 6,
10 designs, evidence that no single design was agreed upon. All have clear messages about physical, mental, emotional and community health.
And Shine On's poster? Her design is in the middle, but small, no the focal point. It is surrounded by five other drawings of equal size. By the looks of their poster, the group decided to not collaborate, to no select one camper's design over the others, but another way, a way that
worked better for them. They chose worked better for them. They chose
to compromise and let each camper portion of the poster space. The poster drawing session is
The lesson is learned and the over. The lesson is learned and the

## nd have fun.

Back at the girls' table, Shi On's creator is clearly not having un. She has pushed her chair away Counse table, and is not speaking. he table and laudia steps away from to do their explains, "They all wan different minds, six different ideas trying to come together. The main lesson here is to work together." Claudia says that she sees the One is ath each girl. "One is artistic able. We're trying to more person personalities and abilities to shine" She goes on to explain that the main hing the camp is teaching kids is hard lesson to ally healthy. That a hard lesson to learn, harder than,
'Don't drink that soda.'

You may know her as Helene
Buster, Director of Family Services and Buster, Director of Family Services and
Youth Camp Director. But for one week during the summer, over 200 Semino youth know her as "the boss,"
or simply, "Boss." When Boss or simply, "Boss." When Boss
speaks, you listen. She tells it like it is, and doesn't hesitate to name name to protect the guilty.) You stop running right now. Sit down
and be quiet. I know your momma. is lunchtime, and Boss is using a crophone. Singling out one youngster
does the trick. Everyone ratchets their does the trick. Everyone ratchets their
behavior down a notch. They sit stiller, During the six years that the Seminole Youth Camp has been held, Helene and about 150 other staff and adult volunteers have learned many lessons. But the need for a "The Buck Stops Here"
kind of leader is the most important Kind "F leader is the most important
one. "We've learned that there has to be
a boss. And the kids have to know that a boss. And the kids have to know that
when that person speaks, that's the bottom line," explains Helene.
The Boss had to be called out on
the last morning of camp becuse "situation" that happened in the middle of the night. Someone had sprayed the police cars with shaving cream. Standing in front of the older campers at 7 AM, Boss was not happy.
The campers were unusually silent as Helene gave many of them a view-
point they had not considered: This was point they had not considered: This was
not a harmless prank, but one that could have had serious consequences. If the shaving cream had dried on, it could
have damaged the paint. Repainting the
police cars would have been expensive; silence. Boss had done it again. She
not just white, but red, yellow, black, had used a "situation" at camp to give not just white, but red, yellow, black, had used a "situation" at camp to give
with lettering and complex logos, each a life lesson. A was connected to B was an art project. Not many campers connected to C. Your actions are con"If I have to, I'm going to discipline become connected to the tribe them. But even when I get stern with them, I give them a hug and tell them I love hem," said Helene Buster, a.k.a "Boss"
had considered that.
By $7: 05$, she

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 ad the police cars. Some may have $\begin{aligned} & \text { been thinking about the early morning } \\ & \text { ad thers }\end{aligned}$

Helene Buster's honest words lets the youth know when they are not respectful. They also know how much she cares about each of them.

## Talent Show Is Opportunity to Really Shine

during could have been a nightmare. Twelve-year-old girl up on stage sing. Spotlight bright on the last night of camp. Solo. She starts to person played the wrong cut. It is time now for her to put her hands over her eyes, to gasp and giggle and walk off stage in extreme, justifiable humiliation, but she does not. She raises her eyes to the back
balcony and says, "This is the wrong song." She calmly waits for the balcony and says, "This is the wrong song." She calmy waits for the
sound person to start another version of the song. She starts singing again.
Whew. Tragedy averted. Who is this girl? How did she have the guts, extreme courage and inner calm to remain on stage? After the talent show, she is milling outside the entrance. Denise
Osceola (Hollywood) is surrounded by friends and a counselor, Jal Osceola (Hollywood) is surrounded by friends and a counselor, Jal
issa Collazo. How did she do it? "My friends and the audience kept me going," explains Denise. That's it? A smiling audience? Jalissa gives more information, "During the week of camp, I' seen a transformation in Denise and other campers. Everyone ac cepts everyone here. It allows you to be comfortable in your own
skin." Denise agrees. She says when she first got to camp, she could have never envisioned herself up on stage, singing a solo, let alone
having a CD malfunction and handling it with grace "Before camp I didn't want to do anything." But tonight, she wanted to share her song, no matter what. "I love the song," she says. And she had to sing
it, get it out, right sound track or wrong.


Denise Osceola age 12 (Hollywood) sings a solo during the taient show of the camp's fi
nal evening. nal evening.
 tent and have iner happi-
ness." Her words are not
needed because even needed, because, even
without the spotlight, she shines.

## Adults Learn Just as Much as Kids at Camp

There's a lot of bait and switching going on at camp gest bait and switch is not for the kids. It's for the adults,
kids thinking they are making a poster or a box car, the staff, the parents, the Seminole programs that fund - kids thinking they are making a poster or a box car, the stant, the pall call the camp a Youth Camp, but the ulti-
playing a game of flag football or rafting a slow-mov- the camp. We One boy was situation: bassador for the Police Departing and wanted to to looks at the guys from the Fire go home. He talked Department as good guys. The
him down, and by the
Police Officers have to work at third day, the boy was it. By coming here, we are bridghappy.
On the second- know that we are are letting youth
in them to ing, icy-cold river, but instead they are learning about
ego containment, teamwork and patience. Yet the bigto seven 12-year-old
boys. On the second
night of camp he
averted a situation:
One boy was cy-to-the-last day, Scott spent much of the morning standing in
the frigid water of the Ichetucknee River, helping campers
get into inner tubes get into inner tubes.
At first glance, you At first glance, you
would think that Scott is the hero, that he is helping these kids so much, but Scott says he is the one who is
 benefitting from the
camp, that being a
counselor helps him


River Dillon, Timothy Bearden, Thomas Bearden, Mike Hopkins, Chloe Chalfant, Dayra
Koenes, and Levy Pearce got to know each other at the camp. Koenes, and Levy Pearce got to know each other at the camp.

Claudia Acevedo, a Tampa
Police Officer, agrees with Scott. Police Officer, agrees with Scot one of her greatest job challenges, because tribal members live throughout the city, and not on a reservation. "I've learned a lot about Seminole cul-
ture. This camp will make me a better police officer I ture. This camp will make me a better police officer.
will be able to see people with more compassion." What adults take away from camp transcends im proved job performance. It might just make them better human beings. Says Thommy Doud, Boys and Girls Club Manager from BC, "Knowing that these youth are
here, what they are learning, gives me confidence. It
rer their futures. This camp, these youth, give me
Darryl Allen, School Resource Officer from Brigh on, was also deeply affected by the youth at camp. This will help me interact better with different people.
It taught me that we are all striving for the same goal We are coming together with one mind frame, to do the
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## Sports

## Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball Players Honored in Inaugural Season's Awards Ceremony <br> for making a commendable effort in learning the funda mentals of the game of T-Ball

BIG CYPRESS - In a fledgling sports program's st year of existence, it's not about winning or losing, Durding to Tribal citizen Carol Osceola.
During the Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball Awards During the Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball Awards
Ceremony, held Aug. 9 at the Billie Swamp Safari Café, the upstart Tribal team instead focused on the fundamental accomplishments made on the field this season.
Osceola's 7 -year-old daughter, Brandi, was noted Osceola's 7-year-old daughter, Brandi, was noted
y her teammates, coaches and parental support group

Big Cypress T-Ball players David Rojas Jr., 5, left, Timmy Tigertail, $\mathbf{6}$, second from left, Thomas Tigertail, 3 , second from right and Dayne Billie, 5 , have a group hug to celebrate their accomplishments in the program's first season at the T-Ball Awards Ceremony.
mentas a young kid like that, it's hard to remember all the plays and where you're supposed to be at," Osceolla
said of Brandi and her teammates at the awards cersaid of Brandi and her teammates at the awards ceremony. "It's more about the kids having fun and learn-
ing the basic skills of the sport"" ing the basic skills of the sport."
Despite finishing their first season with a 3-4 re Despite finishing their first season with a 3-4 re-

- the Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball team's final two games were cancelled due to inclement weather the program finished its season strong after a slow start, as the players began to jell as a team toward the end of their inaugural year.
Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball Head Coach Big Cypress Seminoles T-Ball Head Coach
Alfonso Tigertail and Assistant Coach David Alfonso Tigertaii and form the collection of Tribal youngsters, comprisea old
girls - from 3 to 7 years old.
Rojas spoke of how Tigertail enlisted him
to help assemble the collection of youngsters to help assemble the collection of youngsters. "Al organized our program," Rojas said.
"I never played T-Ball in my life before, but "I never played T-Ball in my life before, but
he saw something in me to help boost our kids' he saw something in me to help boost our kids
confidence. I was glad we got to show the kids confidence. I was glad we got to show the kids
how much we care about them. It's a way to give them something to do and stay away from
With the season beginning on April 15 , the
trouble. Big Cypress Seminoles started with four con-
secutive losses. However, the last three contests secutive losses. However, the last three contests
were wins, which were likely aided by the players' abilities to trust each other on the field. In addition, the team trust enhanced their learning abilities to combine timely hitting, fielding and
throwing over the course of the season throwing over the course of the season.
Regardless of how the inaugural sea Regardless of how the inaugural season
turned out, Tigertail told the players and their turned out, Thertail told the players and theii
parents at the banquet he was highly encouraged parents at the banquet he was highly encouraged
by their play and is looking forward to another year with the T-Ball program.
"It was our first year "playing together, but it was fun," Tigertail said. "II's going to take some
time to build our program the way we want to time to build our program the way we want to,
but we have something going on here. Sports build character in our kids, so let's keep encouraging them."
All of the Big Cypress T-Ball games were played at the Clewiston Ball Field Complex,
with the season ending on June 3 with the season ending on June 3.


From left, Big Cypress T-Ball players Isadora Jumper, David Rojas Jr., Timmy Tigertail, Dayne Billie, Thom- SEE MORE as Tigertail and Willie Smith share some quality time together during one of their games this season. PHOTOS ON 2C


World Series Champions, the Seminole Warriors with Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr.

## Banquet in Brighton Honors Seminole Warriors 12U Travel Team

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BRIGHTON ravel baseball - The Seminole Warriors 12U Series champions, was recognized for their hard World and determination at a banquet in their honor put on by Brighton's Tribal Council Office and the Recreation DeThe banquet was held at the Seminole Veterans Building Aug. 3 and included a dinner, followed by congratulatory speeches and awards.
"I've seen these boys from beginning to now go
from crawl, to start walking and now they're dancing from crawl, to start walking and now they're dancing,
Seminole Warriors founder and Brighton Event Coordinator Larry Howard said.
Each player was presented with a memorabilia baseball and World Series Championship plaque for
their accomplishment their accomplishment.
Director of Recreation Richard Osceola Tribal Council assistants Lucy Bowers and Danette Bowers and Howard received baseballs from team and head and Howard received basebatls from team and head
coach David Simmons, for their help throughout the


NaYO Boys Bring Home 2nd Place Trophy


Native Tribes from around the country traveled to Atmore, Ala., to compete in the 2010 NAYO baseball tournament July 16-17. Tribes included Seneca, Choctaw, Cherokee and the Seminole Tribe. The 9-12 yearold Seminole boys division placed second in the tournament bringing home bragging rights and a trophy.
Pictured Pictured are, front row, from left: Luke Baxley, Trevor Thomas and Tameron Wilcox. Back row, from left: Drayton Billie, Arek Jumper, Yopalakiyo Osceola, Joshua Madrigal, Cameron Jumper, Imillakiyo Osceola and
Jerry Smith. Back row Coaches, from left: Gene Thomas, Larry Howard and John Madrigal.

## Tribal Youth Completes Championship Season

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - The sky is the limit Tribal youth softballer Charli Frye.
At the young age of 7 she still has time to dream and accomplish more, but she is well on her way. She and her Pembroke Lakes Bandits
8-and-under A-division 8 -and-under A-division travel softball team titles and one World Series title in one year

Cer Head Coach Pam Denham. Compiling a $56-5$ overall season reorrect her problem areas," Jumper-Frye ord, the young right fielder/pitcher helped said. "I told her often throughout the seahe Bandits go undefeated in the regular sea-
son winning 13 straight tournament games when you are on the field, nobody cares
"She is. son winning 13 straight tournament games tion (ISA) and National Softball AssociaNSA) state championships To Association ff, they also took home the United Stats Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) hampionships on the state and world stage, acing teams from Texas, Iowa and Georgia along the way.
In the World Championship Tournament, six teams squared off with Frye's squad going 6-0, while defeating the
Clearwater Bombers 4-2 for Clearwater Bombers 4-2 for
the title held in Kissimmee the title held in Kissimmee,
July 31 .
The experience has all been a part of having fun and enjoying the sport for the Pan-
ther Clan member ther Clan member. "I like to get dirty the "I like to get dirty the
most," Charli said. "I also like to go fast and play hard." As the youngest player on this years team, mother
Danielle Jumper-Frye said the Danielle Jumper-Frye said the
rough and tumble youngter rough and tumble youngster
has always had a natural tenhas always had a natural ten-
dency toward athletics followdency in the footsteps of older
ing ing in the foo
sister Dasani. "She loves the sport [softball] now, and I like that she She approached every game the same and always kept her cool. What has imbeen her analysis and understanding of the game at an early age," Jumper-Frye continCoach Denham said although Charli's coy demeanor is evident off the field, her coy demeanor is evident off the field, her
forward play on it speaks to her potential. "Whan she showed up to play she was often more seasoned than her years," DenThe coach also said Frye had a big role in the team's great run, showing great hitting ability and solid throwing. But at this point, the sport outweighs the team accomplishments.
"She [Charli] does not understand the reality of what we accomplished [as a team].
She is just out there having fun. Right now, She is just out there having fun. Right now,
she just does what your typical kid would do, but she will look back on it all and say, 'wow' when she gets older.
Charli said she hopes to play on through
the college and professional to the college and professional levels, but playing in the outfield, catching pop-ups and
getting the older girls out on base were her getting the older girls out on base we
most enjoyable moments this season. most enjoyable moments this season.
As the only returner to the 8 -and-und squad for next year, Denham explained that the team will be centered around Charli as should


Charli and her championship teammates.
and agility.
"As her coach I I am going to expect her the others what needs to be done and will the on the role of leader. She is going to Denham said.


## Seminole Warriors 12U Travel Team Capture Series Win

By rachel buxton Staff Reporter
ORLANDO - The Seminole Wariors 12 travel baseball team played thei last game of the season July 23, making all as they claimed the World Series Champi onship title. The World Series was held at the Wide World of Sports Disney resort in Orlando
from July 19-23. The team snagged the from July in a nail biting game winning by only one run.
"We told them about it at the beginning of the season," Head Coach Dave Simons
said about the World Series "You als said about the World Series. "You always
have to set goals, because if you don't set have to set goals, because if you don't se
goals, there's nothing to achieve; and the The Seminole Warriors travel team was created by Brighton Event Coordinator Larry Howard. Howard saw the potential in many of mons said. "You can't take kids in a travel the Tribal youth on the reservation and de- league and expect them, bring them in and
, Coreate with help from the Brighton's Council Office and from the Recreation Department, a travel baseball team
giving the youth a chance to see life off the giving the youth a chance to see life off th
reservation "So, by me doing this, making an equa opportunity, they could get out there and play amongst everybody else and that way
they'd get out of their shell," How they'd get out of their shell," Howard said. In January there was an open tryout on the reservation that brought players from
all nearby cities including Okeechobee all nearby cities including Okeechobee, up having to be held in the Brighton gym due to a downpour rainstorm. Twelve boy showed up allowing each one a spot on the team. After roster changes and the elimina nole Warriors 12 U team was born.
"When we first saw the team we knew was going to take a lot of work, a lot of ons said. "You can't take kids in a trave
T doesn't work like that."
Throughout the sea son the Seminole Warrior practiced at least three days a week, up to three
and a half hours. and a half hours.
They traveled around ments, and even bringing home a few trophies that
will reside in the Brighton will reside in the Brighto Gymnasium. The boys, however,
had to work to play base had to work to play base
ball. In order to travel and pay to play in the different tournaments the team organized fundraisers such as a car wash and spaghetti
dinner to pay their way.


Josh Madrigal throws to first for an out.
"If they have to work for something, they want it more and that's something,
we've tried to instill on all these players," we've tried to instill on all these players,"
Coach Simons said. A team that was made up of mostly strangers with only two Tribal youth, Lay-
ton Thomas and Josh Madrigal, came to gether to become a winning team. They worked on and off the field building friend ships and team spirit.
that we all wanted to do one thing and that was to play baseball so we got along,"
Thomas said. "We had to work a little hard but it came together pretty good. I think we
just played to play" just played to play." The Seminole Warriors would like to
extend a special thank you to Council Rep. extend a special thank you to Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Director of Recre-
ation Richard Osceola and especially Larry Howard, who gave them the opportunity to do what they love. If anyone is interested in playing travel ball, contact Larry Howard at
$863-697-1697$.

hadrigal steps up to bat.


The Seminole Warriors huddle for a quick pep talk.


At the conclusion of the Big Cypress T-Ball Awards Ceremony, the players and coaches round it up one last time for a group shoot. Here's a listing of the 12 players, followed by the coaches, in alphabetical order: Dayne Billie, Andrew Bowers Jr,, Avery Bowers, Harmony Cypress, Canaan Jumper, Isadora Jumper,
Adam McElroy, Brandi Osceola, David Rojas Jr, Willie Smith, Thomas Tigertail, Timmy Tigertail, T-Ball Head Coach Alfonso Tigertail, left, and T-Ball Assistant Coach David Rojas Sr., right.


Immokalee Seminole Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis, Sr, ceeter, awards Champion Saddes Jordan Urichi, Ieft, and Raymond Bellos.

## Immokalee Seminole Ranch Saddle Series

## BY JUDY WEEKS <br> relance Reporter

IMMOKALEE - Two teenagers, competing against adults of all ages, won the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Saddle Series old Raymond Bellos acquired 27 points to qualify for the Header saddle and 18-year old Jordan "Shortie" Urichi won the Heeler
saddle with 24 points saddle with 24 points.
Both boys were awarded fully tooled and matching breast collars.
"We have a lot of ars. come to rope in our of young people who ly enter the very compena and they frequentsaid Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis, Sr "However, this is the first time that two of


Header Doc Shewmaker and Heeler Jordan "Shortie" Urichi catch doubles to take first place in th third competition of the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Roping Series.

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Big Cypress Senior Center Hosts Annual Pool Tournament in Honor of Juanita Billie


Results of the 9th Annual Juanita Billie Pool Tournament ${ }^{8}$-Ball
B-Ball
Women: 1. Esther Buster, 2. Louise Women: 1.Esther Buster, 2.Louise
Billie, 3. Nancy Billie, 4. Louise Osceola, 5. Mary Tigertail, 6. Virginia Tommie, 7 . Vanessa Billie;
Vanessa Biliée;
Men: 1. Lonnie Billie, 2. Joe Junior Billie, 3. Richard Doctor, 4. Edmond Billie 9-Ball
Women: 1. Louise Billie, 2. Mary Tiger tail, 3. Esther Buster, 4. Nancy Billie;
Men: 1. Joe Junior Billie, 2. Richard Men: 1. Joe Junior Billie


The Big Cypress Senior Center held a pool tournament on July 29 in honor of the late Juanita Billie. Eleven Big Cypress Tribal seniors participated in the event, including Edmond Billie, the son of Juanita Billie. "We dedicated this day every year for her (Juanita)," Big Cypress Senior Center Site Manager Cecilia Guzman said. "I didn't know her much, but I did get to meet her and she was a wonderful person. Juanita was very nice; she liked talking about history and her family." Left photo, Big Cypress Tribal Senior Louise Billie wins the women's 9 -Ball competition at the ninth Annual Juanita Billie Pool Tournament. Big Cypress Senior Center Site Manager Cecilia Guzman said she hopes 'we can continue to do these pool tournaments in the future.' "It brings a lot of laughter and joy to their [the
seniors'] hearts and spirits." Photo below, Big Cypress Tribal Senior Esther Buster plays her way to a win in the women's 8 -Ball competition. Big Cypress Senior Center Site Manager Cecilia Guzman talked about how the seniors felt about the experience. "It brings back a lot of memories to them," Guzman said. "They can sit back and remember the good pool moments they had in the past. Some that
never used to play pool are now doing so." - Naii Tobias never used to play pool are now doing so." - Naji Tobias

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## Seminole Warriors 10U Respect All and Fear None in the Game of Baseball

BY rachel buxton
BY RACHEL BUXTO
BRIGHTON - The Seminole Warriors 10U baseball travel team made a name for themselves early on in the season bringing home the first place trophy at their
very first tournament in Kissimmee very first tournament in Kissimmee.
The tournament was held at Fortune Field April 3 The tournament was held at Fortune Field April 3 offer an environment that provides positive reinforcewith the Seminole Warriors 10U up against the difficult offer an environment that provides positive reinforce-

Tribal Teen Makes History as Seminole Scholarship Athlete


Bottom left photo, Tribal citizen Kelcie Jumper recently signed a letter of intent basketball scholarship to the Southeastern Community College Lady Blackhawks basketball team with friends and family in attendance. The former Flanagan High School star becomes the first Seminole athlete to receive a college athletic scholarship in basketball and will be playing the point guard position. Located in West Burlington, lowa, the Region XI institution is a member of the National Junior College
Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the lowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC). Photo above, Jumper and father William Lee Jumper Jr., fourth and third from the left, joined by Blackhawks Head Coach Jerry Jerome, seond from right, as well as members of the Seminole Recreation staff, from left, Marl Osceola, Carlos Adamson and at right, Richard Osceola. Photo below, Jumper, bottom row, second from left, celebrates her signing with Recreation Department staff and community members.

Front row, from left, Dyami Nelson, Johnny Rodriguez, Lance Howard, Tay Williams and Michael Warner. Second row, from left, Layne Thomas, Jason Andrews, Sean Osceola, Damian Lusby, Trevo Thomas and Brian Bishop. Back row, from left, Coaches Michael Warner, Larry Howard and Gene Thomas.


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New Tribal-Wide Truancy Policy Enforced for Tribal Students and Parents

## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$ <br> Staff Reporter

The Tribal educational system has taken one more turn for the better with the installment of a new Tribal-wide truancy policy now being enforced this
school year school year.
carious activity of missing school among Tribal youth and teens in grades carious activity of missing school among Tribal youth and teens in grades
kindergarten through high school. Educational institutions on the Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations, as well as other public and private schools will fall under the new rules.
The issue has been supported by the Tribal Council with the passing of
Resolution 35 by unanimous vet Resolution 35 by unanimous vote at the Big Cypress Reservation meeting in July. Several other Tribal departments were also on board.
Tribal citizens from representative departments and schools, including: He lene Buster, director of Family Services, Emma Johns, director of Education, Michele Thomas of the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, Andrea Jumper o the Ahfachkee School and Diane Buster of the Seminole Police Department.
"It has been a growing issue. Our business as a Tribe is dependent on this policy and we need to make sure these students get the best education seriousness of this issue, but some do not understand the importance of getting

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## Tribal Citizens Revive Tradition with Canoe Carving at Okalee Village

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

 Staff ReporterHOLLYWOOD - Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum Traditional Arts Special ist Pedro Zepeda recently took the opportunity to illu
Seminole custom of wood carving, creating a canoe. The Seminole Okalee Village hosted a multi-session event, with the first
session running
from Aug. 18-20,
Osceola Jr., Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. and Trail Liaison William Osceola mark the beginning of construction
Fort Pierce Community Center Becomes Reality with Groundbreaking
by rachel buxton

FORT PIERCE - More than a year af ter returning back home to Chupco Landing, the
Fort Pierce community began the new expanFort Pierce community began the new expan a groundbreaking ceremony.
Tribal officials, Tribal citizens, local poli ticians and guests gathered Aug. 15 at Chupco Landing to break ground and to unveil the name of the LEED Silver state-of-the-art community center, named after the late Hope Tommie Wil-

Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie said, "today is far more from the beginning, far from the beginning of this project.
has been a year in the making with and concep has been a year in the making with Tribal Council and the Fort Pierce community working with
architects to ensure the quality of the center, and also considering the needs of the community. The community center will be the first Tribe and the first LEED Silver building in St Lucie County. "This community, one has only to drive
wrough and see the way it's been developed, the way it's growing and the way it's flourishing, you," St. Lucie Commission Chairman Charles Grande said.
During the ceremony, architects from Leoa Daly provided a PowerPoint presentation show-
ing renderings of what the community center ing renderings of what the community cente
will feature, including a gymnasium, a pool, sauna, a walking track and cultural center that will offer sewing and language classes.
"It will make sure that they never forget Please see CENTER on page 2A
from Aug. 18-20,
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and partake in the fading practice.
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tions," Zepeda tions," Zepeda
said. "This is something you
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more. I have always taken an
interest in our trainterest in our tra-
ditional crafts that are not seen as


Pedro Zepeda, left, and Everett Osceola take level measur ments before carving the bottom of the canoe.

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Zepeda said

Tribal Students Embark on Second Annual Culture Exchange

SEATTLE, Wash. - Fourteen Tribal students from all reservations made the trek to Seattle, Wash., for a weeklong canoe journey with the Muckleshoot Tribe, as part of the sec-
ond annual culture exchange program, organized by the Eduond annual culture cation Department. Students, staff and volunteers traded in the hotel rooms
for the great outdoors July 5 , Muckleshoot Reservation.
Director of Education. Emma Johns said that experiencing the culture of other Native Tribes teaches students how fortu-
nate the Seminole Tribe is. "It was absolutely awe
"Ine Seminole Tribe is.

After their first fe
journey began. Students canoed for hours each day visiting different Tribal communities. Each day they embarked on a new journey to exchange cultures with other Tribes. how before anyone is permitted to come ashore they must announce themselves and request permission.
Their first stop was Squaxin Island where they enjoyed a
night of Tribal singing and dancing night of Tribal singing and dancing.
sharing your culture," Herbert Jim of the Tampa Culture fer partment said to the Squaxin village.
The next few days, the two Tribes, the Seminoles and the Muckleshoots, pulled together as one family visiting Nisqually and then Puyallup.
Once the Seminoles and the Muckleshoots returned to the Muckleshoot Reservation, they spent their final evening truly Jim told old native Seminole stories and, accompanied by the Seminole Tribal students, he shared a Seminole Stomp Dance with the Muckleshoots.
Gifts were given on behalf of both Tribes with warmest appreciation.

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## Big Cypress Seniors Take Their First Trip to the United Tribes Pow-Wow




The Brighton First Indian Baptist Church choir entertains the crowd in the Native Creek language.

## CENTER

## From page A1

where they come from," President Richard Bowers where they come from," President Richard Bowers
Jr. said. "They have a history, they have a culture and [they have] to keep teaching the next generation and to keep going. Tommie, with the help of Chairman Mitchell
Cypress, unveiled the proposed name for the Cypress, unveiled the proposed name for the com-
munity center: The Fort Pierce Community Hope Center. Tommie said the decision to name the building after the late Hope Tommie Wilcox came from the tenacity Hope Tommie Wilcox had as she left the boundaries of the reservation to meet new people rn different cultures. because when you come through these doors, we hope that you will find hope there," Tommie said. "We hope that you will remember that there is hope for tomorrow.
Following the ceremony, members of Tribal
Council and Mary Margaret Wilcox the daybter Council and Mary Margaret Wilcox, the daughter
of the late Hope Tommie Wilcox, all clad in hard hats shoveled dirt marking the beginning of construction.
During a catered lunch, guests got a musical treat from Pastor Wanda Tommie's praise group along with members of Brighton’s First Indian
Baptist church singing in native Creek language. "I think this community deserves it,' Chair-
man Cypress said about the center. "So, I'm happy we're going to have a community center plus the other things that are going to be in there.'


Shamy Tommie poses with the picture of his aunt, the late Hope Tommie Wilcox, and with her daughter, Margaret Wilcox.


Kevin Osceola, left, and Pedro Zepeda chip away pieces of wood to create a smooth surface on the canoe.


Pedro Zepeda measures the width of the cypress tree before the carving process begins.


Brothers Darnell Osceola, left, and Devin Osceola watch during the early stages of the canoe carving.

## CANOE

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the idea will hopefully catch on as part of a series, and was a collaborative ef-
fort among Tribal citizens and departments.
He explained that the standard time for completion is based on the size of the piece of wood, usually involving cy-
press wood, and the carving process is generally a two- to three-month period. generally a two- to three-month period.
"Doing this has always been like meditation to me," he said. "You put a lot of yourself into doing this type of thing. When you finish, you think, 'Wow, I made that with my own hands.' There is also the connection you gain
with your past and your ancestors." with your past and your ancestors.,
According to Seminole custo fathers, uncles, or other family members teach the boys how to work with wood for construction in the family camps. Construction in the clan camps responsibility and duty. The men would often carve the
The dugouts for their canoes, which were
also very important for family transporalso very important for family transpor-
"This practice just does not affect people's day-to-day lives anymore,"
Zepeda said. "Nowadays the younger generations are busier more than ever." Miccosukee Tribal youngsters Darnell and Devin Osceola attended the workshop with their grandfather. Devin said their mother encouraged them to
attend. something that I think would be fun," Darnell said of the method.
Tribal citizen Kevin Osceola aided
Zepeda in the begining Zepeda in the beginning stages and said it was an enjoyable first-time experi"It allowed me to get back to lea ing my traditions," Osceola said. The Hollywood resident said grow-
ing up with his father, Jimmie Hank ing up with his father, Jimmie Hank ular Seminole ritual: chickee building It has remained a steady practice among the Tribe even in modern days. Zepeda said he learned canoe carv-
ing through father-figure and role model ing through father-figure and role model Ingram Billie Jr. at about the age of 16 . He said he hopes to join the likes of and George Billie of Big Cypress in and George Billie of Big Cypress, in
completing a carving. Osceola and Billie are the only two known living Seminoles to do so.
"I am hoping we can get enough make use of them," Zepeda said


Participants in the culture exchange program pose at the Hard Rock Cafe in Seattle.

## CULTURE

## From page A1

"It's been an awesome week and an awesome journey and I think I can speak "They don't want to leave because you
"Then have changed and touched their lives."
The Muckleshoots presented Johns The Muckleshoots presented Johns with a native Muckleshoot blanket wrap-
ping her in it as a way to say thank you ping her in it as a way to say thank you
for helping make the culture exchange happen." "It's much more than a culture exchange, it's a way for our people to give back," Muckleshoot canoe skipper Will Bill said to the Seminoles.

The night ended with both Tribes dancing and enjoying each other's cul-
Before heading back to Florida, the Tribal students got to experience Seattle at its fullest.
Many got to see snow for the first
time and a true fish market and to top it off, they got a little taste of home at the Hard Rock Café.


Seminole and Muckleshoot youth do some cold water training.

## POLICY

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According to the truancy policy and procedures, any situation arising will fall under a four-step process: Step one: the committee will meet, including a repre-
sentative from the referral source, to staff the case and discuss presenting issues and efforts that have been made to address the situation and possible solutions. Step two: a letter with a meeting time, date, loca-
tion and reason for the meeting with the tion and reason for the meeting with the
parents; if the parents miss the first meeting, a second one will be scheduled and a letter will be hand delivered to the parents by SPD. Step three: at the meeting, par-
ents and committee members will review the truancy issues and efforts that have been made to address it and the committee's policy. Step four: any parent(s) reprobation for the remainder of the school year; a second referral to the committee woncompliant case. noncompliant case. "The intent [of the policy] is to allow with their truancy policies and account
ability measures before a referral will ver be made to the truancy committee," with those situations that, for whatever easons are falling through the cracks and causes a student to ultimately drop out of school, turn to drugs, or some other mischievous activity that could potentially
destroy his or her life," estroy his or her life."

Tribal mother of two Dora Tiger said as in in support of the policy and said she regarding school attendang an easy road er Shelli, 13, and son Michael daughBoth attend the son Michael Tiger, 11 Christian School in Hollywood
"I get my kids to school as
ossible, and in my case it has been eas because they like to go to school," Tiger said. "The only hard part for me is getting hem up in the morning, once I do though, is not a problem.

Walt Swan, Principal of the Ahfach-
School in Big Cypress, said the issue is a community-wide problem. "It was a large enough issue here at Ahfachkee] where something needed to be done," Swan said. "There are a lot of things we [as educators] can do better
and this is a step in the right direction."

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The Seminole youth take a group photo on the Muckleshoot Reservation.

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##  Community

Tribal Council Convenes for Two Special Sessions

BY CHRIS C. JENKIN

Staff Peporter
HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal Council conened at the Hollywood Reservation Headquarters Auditorium for two separate special sessions Aug.
24 passing a total of 48 resolutions and ordinances 24 passing a total of 48 r

Resolution 5: Appointment of one Committee Resolution 13: Approval of Northern Ethic onsulting and Contracting, Inc., Service AgreeRent for Housing Services.
Resolution 14: Approval of Dreamcatcher nstruction, Inc., Service Agreement for Housing
rvices. Resolution 37: Southeastern Cir
Name Title Sponsor Agreement.
Name Title Sponsor Agreement.
Ordinance 39: Seminole Tribal Procurement
Ordinance 40: Seminole Tribal Records Code. Resolution 41: Approval of funds to construct sino - Coconut Creek.
Resolution 42: Approval of funds to construct improvements for poker relocation and slot expan-
sion at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino sion at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino -
Tampa. Resolution 43: Approval of funds to construct parking lot expansion and resurfacing improve-
Resolution 44: Approval of funds for expan, renovation and rebranding of Floyds restaurant and approval of agreement with Kraft Construction
Company, Inc. for the Hard Rock Café at the SemiCompany, Inc. for the Hard Rock Café at
nole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino -Tampa.

Seminole Coconut Creek, Hollywood Classic Casinos Add Blackjack Games

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

Amid swarms of media, excitement and enthusiasm filled the air on back-to-back weeks as the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek and Seminole Classic Casino

Hollywood ushered in the much-anticipated debut of Hollywood ushered in the much-anticipated debut of
the table card game blackjack. Members of the Tribal Council, Board of Directors and invited guests attended the events. Coconut Creek opened 12 tables for play Aug. 13,
ranging from $\$ 10-\$ 5,000$ limits, in front of guest Sing. ranging from $\$ 10-\$ 5,000$ limits, in front of guest Sing-
er/Musician David Cassidy, Rep. Jim Waldman of the er/Musician David Cassidy, Rep. Jim Waldman of the
Florida House of Representatives District 95, and in the


Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., left, and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., third from left, join special guests David Cassidy, second from left, and Jim Waldman, former Coconut Creek
Mayor and current Florida House of Representative member, for the first hand of blackjack in front of patrons and guests at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino Aug. 13.

"It is a great day. It is a
continuing story which has
created even more jobs and
created even more jobs and
security for the Tribe," Al-
len said "It has been so long
Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., second from left, enjoys a game of blackjack with other Tribal citizens at the game's premiere at the Hollywood Classic Casino.
television sitcom "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," as well as Jimmie "JJ" Walker comedian and star of the hit 1970 "Today you are
"Today you are a part of history," Rep. Osceola
said to the guests and patrons in attendance. "Thank you said to the guests and patrons in attendance. "Thank you
for helping fulfill the history we [as Seminoles] envisioned."
The addition of the game has also created abou 00 more jobs at the Hollywood location, according to Adrian Fox, Seminole Classic Casino General Manage Both facilities will also offer the game 24 hours
day, seven days a week exclusively. day, seven days a week exclusively.
The Hollywood Classic Casino will forever be known as the innovator in the gaming industry opening
the first large stakes bingo hall in the U.S. in 1979 . Years the first large stakes bingo hall in the U.S. in 1979. Years
later it would expand into gaming machines and poker. later it would expand into gaming machines and poker.
President Bowers and Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul

## Article 2, Amendment Section 9 Passes in Secretarial Elections



Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Keith Neves and members of the Tribal Secretarial Office staff announce the results of the Secretarial Elections held Sept. 7 at the Hollywood Headquarters. The election was
conducted through the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Seminole Agency with the passing conducted through the U.S. Department of the interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Seminole Agency with the passing
of Article II, Amendment Section 9 to the Tribal Constitution, with 248 votes allowing individuals that are non-full blooded Seminoles to run for elected Tribal official positions within the Seminole Tribe

## SPD Explorers Program Unites Tribal Youth

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

HOLLYWOOD - The Seminole Police Department Explorers Program wants to bring Tribal youth and the community together.
Through respect, discipline and integrity, this new
F) SEMINOLE POLICE DEPART


Tribal youth members of the Seminole Police Department Explorers Program, newcomers and department staff gather outside the SPD Headquarters in Hollywood.

Tribal-wide initiative began nine months ago, targeting youth and teens ages 6 to 17 for training in the realm of
law enforcement and learning how the criminal justice system works.
"These are the future leaders of this Tribe," said eight-year SPD Officer Bobby, Betz of the Tribal Youth
and Elder Unit Division, who's also an Explorers Pro and Elder Unit Division, who's also an Explorers Program advisor. "We see a lot of the funerals for
these kids. We want to give them some rules of these kids. We want to give them some rules of
life to live by. This is the age where you can get life to live by. This is the age where you can get
them on the right track."
As a volunteer pilot project originating As a volunteer pilot project originating
through (but not an official part of) the Boy Scouts of America, there are no fees to join the Explorers. The program members meet on the
Hollywood Reservation twice per month on Tuesday evenings.
Enrollees follow a code of conduct, wear a
specially desinged uniform, and are aided and assisted by an SPD police officer/advisor. Com-
munity projects, field trips, guest speakers and munity projects, field trips, guest speakers and
hands-on experience are all a part of the learning hands-on experience are all a pa
and skill development process.
Advancement opportunities are available from trainee to explorer, sergeant and lieutenant.
Requirements include good grades in school and
maintaining a good attitude. "They are also gaining a lot of respect
for police officers with this program," said
Bill Maynard, SPD Sergeant and Tribal

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Naples Community Travels to Georgia's Stone Mountain

Executive BY KRISSY FRANK
STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. - The Naples community spent Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, at the Evergreen Marriott Re rt at the top of Stone Mountain, Ga.
The weekend started off with an a private room at the hotel. Everything was served, from ham a crab claws, pasta dishes, and cheeseburger sliders, to a desser bar with s'mores. After a long day of traveling and a tremendous dinner everyone went up to their rooms for some rest before th
big day at Stone Mountain Park. big day at Stone Mountain Park. Stone Mountain is 825 feet tall and covers 583 acres. The
top of the mountain is 1,683 feet above sea level and the entir top of the mountain is 1,683 feet above sea level and the entire
carved surface of the Memorial Carving measures three acres carved surface of the Memorial Carving measures three acres
larger than a football field. The Memorial Carving depicts threa Confederate heroes of the Civil War: Confederacy President Jef-
ferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and Lt. General Thomas tonewall" Jackson
The following day everyone met in the lobby and took the tram to Stone Mountain Park for some fun. The day started off with a Duck Tour ride. The Duck vehicles are 1940 s era Arm
DUKWs, converted into comfortable open-air vehicles. The
knowledgeable and funny; they also let all the kids have a turn at driving the duck in the water.
"I liked driving the duck. Can we go on it again?" asked Eliska Slavik. The drivers handed out duck lips so the group could
quack along with them. The kids sure loved these After returning quack along with them. The kids sure loved these. After returning
from the duck ride, most of the group was able to meet for a train ride around the mountain. This gave the Naples commu
how big Stone Mountain really is.
how big Stone Mountain really is.
Serena Zepeda said her favorite part of the trip was the train
ride.
After going around the mountain, the group decided to see what it's like from the top, and boarded the air tram. The view was amazing and everyone took some great pictures to prove it!
" loved going to the top of the mountain. It was really windy up there," said Nicole Slavik.

Later that evening everyone met back at the park for a couny concert, laser show, and fireworks.
Members of Naples community
Members of Naples community were able to secure a spot on a terrace with chairs for everyone, popcorn and soft drinks
too. The laser show was absolutely amazing. The kids were dancing to the music and families participated in the Chicken Dance.
All in all, it was a fantastic day and an entertaining All in all, it was a fantastic day and an entertaining
show. The next day, the group met at noon for a six-
hour bus trip, which started out by touring Stone hour bus trip, which started out by touring Stone
Mountain Village and continued with some win-dow-shopping. From there, they headed into Buck-dow-shopping. From there, they headed into
head and admired the enormous mansions.
The bus dropped everyone off in Buckhead for
shopping and lunch, then went to Atlanta's Under shopping and lunch, then went to Atlanta's Under-
ground for a tour and some more shopping Next to ground for a tour and some more shopping. Next to
a beautiful waterfall, they all managed to get a nice a beautiful waterfall, they all managed to get a nice
group picture. Before heading back to the hotel, everyone stopped at the Hard Rock, to buy T-shirts and souvenirs. Since the Naples group was so full of energy, everyone met by the pool so the kids could
go swimming. The hotel also has fire pits outside go swimming. The hotel also has fire pits outside
by the pool so it was a nice way to wind down after by the pool so it was a nich
another fun-filled day.
Sadly, Monday came too quickly and it was Sadly, Monday came too quickly and it was ples community to spend Labor Day and also a
great way for all the families to spend time with
each other.


Participants in the trip to Stone Mountain, Ga., get a group photo.
 Wanda Zepeda, Brian Zepeda and Laurel Zepeda.

## Tribal Citizens Work with the Nonprofit Group One Village Planet to Support Indigenous People Worldwide

## BY ELIZABETH BATES BOWERS

Seminole Tribal citizens Stephen Bowers and Jenice Martin met recently with members of One
Village Planet, a South Florida-based nonprofit organization, founded by Dan Warren, a "boots on organization, founded by Dan Warren, a "boots on
the ground" Floridian who makes frequent trips to Haiti, Africa, and Colombia to assist people in Dan's brother, Don Warren, is a missionary with Emerging Ministries International. Elizabetl
Bates Bowers has worked closely with Dan or several projects in these countries. Both Jenice and Dan have made several humanitarian trips to Colombia to visit with indigenous peoples. Jenice has traveled with delegation: from Witness for Peace. the One Village Planet organization, the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs recently passed a Declaration of Support for
Peoples of the Country of Colombia.

Indigenous peoples in Colombia face strug- fringing on the territories of indigenous groups
es everyday in efforts to have their government without them receiving financial benefits from gles everyday in efforts to have their government comply with agreements relating to indigenous the Indian Life Plan (Plan de Vida) More than 28 indigenous groups in Colombia are at imminen risk of disappearing. In 2009, more than 6,200 indigenous peoples were violently expelled from their ancestral homelands, some of which are rich The nature and
nflicts have evolved rots of Colombia's armed flicts appear to be less based on political strategy, and more rooted in territorial and natural resource control. International private capital, drug trafeconomic interventions from and military and governments, such as the United States, threaten indigenous peoples' lives.

The Colombian government seeks to expand censing bas drilling to raise production, and is licensing blocks in increasingly remote areas, in-

When Native tribios lo ombia, such as the Seminoled outside of Coand the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians recognize the struggles of Indigenous Peoples of Colomnous groups, and gives them confidence to stanup against their gives them confidence to stand their rights. Jenice is digenous organizations and communities in Colombia in June 2011. For more information about the trip, contact Jenice at jjma77@yahoo.com, or
Stephen Bowers at sbowers@semtribecom For more information on One Village Plane and efforts to help Indigenous Peoples of Colombia, contact Elizabeth Bates Bowers (ehb1020@ yahoo.com).
Visit www.witnessforpeace.org, or www.onevillageplanet.org


From left, Don Warran, Dan Warren, Elizabeth Bates Bowers, Jenice Martin and Stephen Bowers.


Explorers Program participants are quizzed over their knowledge of motorbike patrol from Seminole Police Department personnel.

## EXPLORERS

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Youth and Elder Unit Division Supervisor, regard ing the program's impact. "Instead of being afraic nem, they have embraced us all more." Betz, Maynard and fellow SPD co-advisor Ooral within the program is another high-ranking spect.
"Respect is the long-term goal, either you ing an image for a way of life Maynard said there have also been improve ments in the discipline among the participants since the program's inception. group was at the annual Semic appearance as a gug. 24, when Explorers members served food to
Aup
the Tribal community members.
Cameron Osceola, 13, said he decided to at end his first meeting on Aug. 31 as a new mem Night Out festivities "My mom signed me up and thought it was pretty cool. I liked the things I saw that night," Osceola said. "I like the training and how much you need to do and know. Betz said there are possible plans in the works or an out-of-state field trip next year to Washing
ton D.C. during Police Memorial Week For more information on the program
reservation or to enroll, parents are encouraged to contact the following advisors: Betz in Hollywood at 954-410-8309, Scott Akin in Big Cypress at 863-228-2733, Tom Apsey in Tampa at 813-
$767-5452$, Kevin Zarrella in Brighton at $863-227-$ 0408, David Walsh in Fort Pierce at 772-201-0251 and Lynn Howard in Immokalee at 863-673-3795

Tribal Council Officials Meet and Greet Candidate for Florida Governor and for Lieutenant Governor


Tribal Council Officials welcomed Alex Sink, Democrat who runs for Florida Governor, and Rod Smith, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, at the Chairman's office on Sept. 15. Seated at desk is Chairman Mitchell Cypress, from left, Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Rod Smith, Tribal Council President Richard Bowers Jr., Alex Sink and Hollywood/Fort
Pierce Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.

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Hollywood's Mailani Perez answers questions for the EIRA judging panel.


The EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Contestant Breanna Billie, of Brighton, gets ready to answer a set of five questions from the judges.


From left, eIRA President Josh Jumper, EIRA Vice President/Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Mailani Perez, 2010-2011
EIRA Seminole Sr. Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck and President Richard Bowers Jr.

## Brighton's Jewel Buck Crowned Seminole Tribe's 2010-2011 EIRA Rodeo Queen

Hollywood's Mailani Perez captures top honors in EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen competition

## BY NAJI TOBIAS

Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - Jewel Buck was visibly excited dian Rodeo Association Seminole Rodeo Queen contes on Aug. 28 .
As her parents, Emma and Jessie Urbina looked on the awards presentation, the Brighton queen spoke about what the Rodeo Queen competition meant the most to her. The awards event took place during the
EIRA Regional Finals at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena in Big Cypress. Without God, none of us are here," Buck said o thank God so much for being with each and every on us. Without Him, this competition would not have hap pened." Brighton's Kasandra Baker was named the EIRA Brighton's Kasandra Baker a
Seminole Rodeo Queen runner-up. Meanwhile, Hollywood's Mailani Perez wa crowned the 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Roded Queen. Perez was selected by the EIRA judging panel
over fellow contestants Justice Baker, Breanna Billie over fellow contesta
and Elizabeth Johns.
and "It took a lot of dedication and hard work from all of us," Perez said. "It was a great sacrifice for the judges
to be at the rodeo early in the morning just for us. I'm very grateful that they took time out of their busy sched ules."
Entrants at the Seminole Rodeo Queen competition were judged on their introductions, horsemanship pre-
sentations around the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena and question and answer sessions. The questions, fielded by a four-person judging panel, were primarily centered on the contestants' knowledge of the EIRA and the functions of a horse.
Johns, who finished as the third runner-up in the Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen contest, offered her take on how the competition turned out for the field of six com
bined entrants.
"I think we all did a wonderful job representin "I think we all did a wonderful job representing
ourselves out there," Johns said. "I would like to con-


2010 Seminole Rodeo Queen Results
EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen Competition . Jewel Buck - Brighton Reservation, 2. Kasandra Baker Brighton Reservation

EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Competition 1. Mailani Perez - Hollywood Reservation, 2. Breanna Billie - Brighton Reservation, 3. Justice Baker - Brighton
Reservation, 4 . Elizabeth Johns - Brighton Reservation.
gratulate Mailani on her win. She is someone I look up o and she's such as sweet person. It couldn't have happened to a better person. And to the ones who didn't Seminole Tribe President Richard Bowers Jr and EIRA President Josh Jumper were among the speakers who offered well wishes to the Seminole Rodeo Queen contestants, with President Bowers saying that the title of Seminole Rodeo Queen carries a "great responsibility and opportunity to be an ambassador to the Tribe." Perez said she slooking forward traveling to difture and to talking about what the Seminole Tribe has to offer. "This helps get our name out," Perez said. "Even though we're a big Tribe, a lot of people don't know about us." Meanwhile, Buck said she aspires to do her best
and "go by the rules," as far as the Seminole Rodeo and "go by the rules," as far as the Seminole Rodeo
Queen is concerned. "I want to be an inspiration to all the Native girls across the country and show them that by just being themselves, they can be successful," Buck said. "All I really want to happen is let Jesus shine through me as I
represent the Tribe as its Rodo Quen " represent the Tribe as its Rodeo Queen."
Perez offered some words of advice for all of the Perez offered some words of advice for all of the
Tribal youth and to youngsters abroad. "You don't have to give in to any peer pressure to because you never know what would come of it "


2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Mailani Perez, left, is crowned by previous Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Ahnie Jumper.


Seminole Sr. Rodeo Queen Contestants Jewel Buck, left and Kasandra Baker, right, embrace each other after the contest ends and wishes each other the best of luck.


Brighton's Jewel Buck answers questions posed by EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen judges.


Brighton's Elizabeth Johns shows her horsemanship skills during the Seminole Rodeo Queen competition.


EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Contestant Justice Baker shows her horsemanship skills.


Outgoing EIRA Seminole Jr. and Sr. Rodeo Queens Ahnie Jumper and Ashton Baxley.


Participants, judges and Tribal officials gather on stage at the conclusion of the annual Seminole Star Search Finale at the Seminole Oaklee Village, on Aug. 28. The event featured 10 Tribal acts from all reservations, judged by music industry professionals in three categories: youth,
adult and elder. The grand prize winners will record songs on the upcoming Seminole Star adult and elder. The grand prize winners will record songs on the upcoming Seminole Star
Search Winners Grand Prize Vol. III album. Each participant already received custom-made Search Winers Grand rize Vol. III album. Each participant aiready re Serous
Swarovski crystal studded wireless microphones emblazoned with the Seminole Star Search
logo.

Seminole Star Search Finals 2010 Crown More Champions


Top left, Spotlight Award winner Salina Dorgan
 performs; left bottom, Youth grand prize co-winner Shelli Tiger, shares a moment with her mother Dora
Tiger after the show; above, adult category winners Tiger atter the show; above, adult category winners
'Unconquered Bird Clan' await the judges' critiques on stage with event co-emcee Micki Free, far right, after their performance; top right, Paul 'Cowbone Buster and his band perform in the new elder cate gory, taking home top prize; far right bottom, Spotgory, taking home top prize; far right bottom, Spot-
light Award winner Ted Nelson Sr. performs; right bottom, Big Cypress resident and 12-year-old youth - Photos by Chris $C$. Jenkins - Photos by Chris C. Jenkins

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## COMMUNITIES SUPPORT NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



Tribal community youth and members of the Seminole Police Department, Fire Rescue, Recreation Departments and other participate in the third annual Seminole Night Out on the Hollywood Reservation.


Even the rain couldn't keep the Brighton community from taking a stand against crime Aug. 24 for the third annual Seminole Night Out.


A light drizzle of rain didn't dampen the spirits of Immokalee residents during the community walk.


The Fort Pierce Community teams up with the Seminole Police Department to take a stand against crime.

## SPD's Seminole Night Out Teaches About Unity in Fighting Crime, Protecting Tribal Communities

BY NAJI TOBIAS AND JUDY WEEKS Staff and Freelance Reporters In an effort to strengthen community spirit and promote public safety, the Semi nole Police Department organized its thira
annual Seminole Night Out on Aug. 24 at all six of the Tribe's reservations. With an emphasis on protecting the
Tribal and community youth, each reservation held a special event that showed the dedication SPD and its neighborhoods hav
in the prevention of drugs and criminal tivity. At the Immokalee Reservation, some o its youngsters came out to the gymnasium to spend some time with SPD officers and receive Seminole Night Out memorabilia such as I-sh
highlighters.


The scattered showers forced the Im-
mokalee residents to cut their walk vigil mokalee residents to cut their walk vigil
short, but didn't put a damper on their spirshort, but didn't put a damper on their spir-
its. The Immokalee Recreation Department its. The Immokalee Recreation Department a game of kickball for the Tribal and community youth.
Big Cypress/Immokalee Family Servic-
es Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins spoke about the importance of exhibiting responsibility to the community and what it should mean to them. 'community' means people that grow up and live with each other," Mullins said. "You are the community. You have the potential to become great Seminole
leaders. We are here to protect and guide leaders. We are here to protect and guide
you until you are ready to make choices and determine how you want your community to grow...You count and we care!"


#### Abstract

Meanwhile, in Big Cypress, about 50 of its Tribal and community children gathered around the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium around the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium o watch a K-9 presentation and hear some safety tips from SPD officers. "How many of you know your address?" SPD Sgt. Lisa Bennis asked the youngsters, with the majority of them raising their hands. "If you're going to leave your home for an extended amount of time, we'll send of- ficers to your home and protect it" Bennis ficers to your home and protect it," Bennis said to them. "Keep your lights on and lock your doors, especially at night. We want you to know we're here to protect you and keep you safe at all times." Following those words, SPD Officer arlin Coleman conducted the K-9 presentation in front of the youth. Using a quartet of chairs as a narcotics prop for drug detection, Glory, the K-9 female officer, quickly sniffed a sample device under one of those chairs and got a golf ball as a reward. A series of dodgeball games concluded the Seminole Night Out at Big Cypress. The most popular game pitted the Tribal The most popular game pitted the Tribal and community youth against officers from SPD and the Seminole Fire Rescue Department. ${ }^{\text {TThe kids enjoyed themselves here," }}$ SPD Lt. Victor Madrid said. "Seminole Night Out sends a message to criminals, letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized in fighting back against their actions." At the Tampa Reservation, SPD and Tribal citizens gathered for the Seminole Night Out at the Elder Affairs building, where SPD featured a K-9 and fire extinguisher presentation. The Brighton, Fort Pierce and Hollywood Reservations each had a walk cer- emony emony. In Hollywood, Tribal community youth led the way, along with members of the Seminole Police Department, Fire Rescue, Recreation Department and others, com-


The Fort Pe Night Out. nity first gathered at the Chupco Youth Ranch for prevention event National Night Out. "We want to let everyone know that you as a community with us are fighting back," Sgt. Baker said. Raffles were held for gift
baskets provided by Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie and SPD handed out T-shirts and Seminole Night Out bracelets. In effort to take a stand against crime, the community concluded the evening with a group walk throughout the Chupco Landing residence. part in a Lights On vigil, with SPD officers part in a Lights On vigil, with SPD officers
Tribalwide asking them to keep their porch
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { nity first gathered at the } \\ \text { Chupco Youth Ranch for } \\ \text { a dinner prepared by Shamy Tommie and } & \begin{array}{c}\text { lights on in honor of Seminole Night Out. } \\ \text { National Night Out, also known as } \\ \text { Tomohawk Catering. }\end{array}\end{array} \begin{aligned} & \text { American Night Out Against Crime was }\end{aligned}$ National Night Out, also known as
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behe evening, mirrored after the crime

SPD Major Rowland speaks to the Brighton community about Seminole Night Out and what they can do to protect themselves Director Matt A. Peskin, the participation in he annual event nationwide has grown from .5 million in 1984 to more than 35 million, which include U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.
This year's National Night Out was
Aug. 3. However SPD Aug. 3. However, SPD officials said they
decided to host a Seminole Night Out exactdecided to host a Seminole Night Out exact-
ly three weeks later, Aug. 24, due to scheduled events taking place on Aug. 3 . Seminole Tribune Staff Writers Rachel Buxton, Chris Jenkins and Ryan Watson contributed to this story.
 symbolizing the spirit of unity.


Big Cypress youth watch the K-9 presentation at Seminole Night Out on Aug. 24.


Mariah Smith, left, and Dayra Koenes, asked SPD officers about the meaning of Seminole Night Out.


Raymond James Mora runs up to give Linda Freeman of the Family Services Department a big hug at the Immokalee


Photo above, The Big Cypress
Seniors and its staff assistants Seniors and its staff assistants pose at the Standing Rock Reser-
vation's Sitting Bull Burial Site in Fort Yates, N.D. Photo left, the Big Cypress Seniors and its staff enjoy meal time at the Rock'n 50 's Café,
not long after attending the PowWow ceremonies. - Photos by Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Seniors Take Their First Trip to the United Tribes Pow-Wow

BY NAJI TOBIAS
BISMARCK, N.D. - For the Big Cypress Reservation's elders, it was all about connecting
with Native Americans from other Tribes on their with Native Americans from other Tribes on their As the seniors took flight to the 41st annual United Tribes Pow-Wow in Bismarck, N.D., a few things immediately stood out to them: a tour bus
ride of a variety of sites in North Dakota and the ride of a variety of sites in North Dakota and the Pow-Wow itself.
Most of the 22 Tribal elders who went on the
five-day trip said they visited North five-day trip said they visited North Dakota for the
first time. A day after they arrived in Bismarck, North Dakota's state capital, the senior group spent some time at the United Tribes Technical In-
stitute's stitute's Lone Star Arena to watch the Pow-Wow. Jim Clairmont, the Pow-Wow's master of ceremonies, encouraged the scores of tribes in at-
tendance - more than 70 from North America - to tendance - more than 70 from North America - to
tighten up and help each other in Indian Country.
"As an Indian people, we "As an Indian people, we got to step up to
the plate and help our own," Clairmont said to the plate and help our own," Clairmont said to
the more than 50 North American Tribes in attenthe more than 50 North American Tribes in ant go
dance. "We must educate our young people and go
back to our ways. We must show them the tradiback ways of life and encourage them... You have
to live a life to respect others, so people could re- south of Bismarck and Mandan. Two of the Reserspect you."
One of the Pow-Wow's top highlights was the $\begin{gathered}\text { vation's top attractions are the Sitting Bull Burial } \\ \text { site and the Prairie Knights Resort and Casino. At }\end{gathered}$ One or the Pow-Wow's top highlights was the
grand march and entry of the myriad of Tribes. the Prairie Knights Resort and Casino. At
tops, seniors gazed at the variety of scenic The march - which came after the drum roll call - landscapes and sights to memorialize their experifeatured Native dance and singing sequences that ence. "As esonated with the Big Cypress Tribal elders. $\quad$ "As a Native people, we understand each
Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. and Elder Paul other," Allard said to the seniors, who shared Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. and Elder Paul other," Allard said to the seniors, who shared
Bowers Sr. said he was happy just to see the action laughs with the Lakota/Dakota Native Ameriunford from a distance. Bowers joked on why he can throughout the tour. "The stories of our lives decided not to walk in the grand march. are important. I believe all Indian people are in a "I forgot to bring my feathers up here, so I'm stage of healing. If we know who we are, then we just going to watch," Bowers said.
The seniors' tour bus ride took place on Sept. 11. While riding through Mandan, a town five miles west of Bismarck, LaDonna 'Brave Bull' elling session and sightribal elders with a story- lard, "Sho referred to them as "brave warriors." The seniors paid a visit experience. Cypress Senior Center Site Manager Cecili," Big eservation in Fort Yates a vit to the Standing Rock man said. "This made the trip worth it for our sestantly wired to Allard's Native, stories.
"I think it's really "I think it's really important to keep our his- backgrounds." ory to our own selves," the Standing Rock Reser- Chairman Mitchell Cypress, one of the 22 semution's Tourism Director said to the seniors. "We niors on the trip, offered his take on how the North body is going to save us or make changes for us- Dakota trip went. "In God's Country, the East Tribe meets the we must accept that fact", or make changes for us; Standing Rock Reservation is about 60 miles


Native American children march in grand style at the Pow-Wow.



Native American dignitaries place a buffalo coat on U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-N.D.), center, at the United Tribes Pow-Wow.



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Richard Billie, left, watches Emcee One disc jockey for the Big Cypress First Baptist Church's Unconquered r Christ weekly youth outing

## Naples Community Members Visit Tropical Paradise

## BY JUDY WEEKS <br> Freelance Reporter

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. - Seashells, manatees coises and Jet Skis were just a few of the highlight f the Naples community's trip to Marco Island Aug 13-15.
Twenty-six community members checked into the Marco Ocean and Beach Resort on the evening of Aug. 13 and then gathered for a fine dining experience at the Sale e Pepe. Naples resident Connie Billie Slavik said,
"Despite the fact that the majority of us live
and within a short distance of the Gulf of Mexico
and Ten Thousand Islands, few of us have taken the time from our busy schedules to explore these Florida wonders with our children." On the morning following their arrival, the
group boarded the Calusa Spirit for an excurgroup boarded the Calusa Spirit for an excur-
sion to a shell island and sand bar at the mouth of a pass into the gulf. Hoping for a chance to of a pass into the gulf. Hoping for a chance to
collect a few shells, they were pleasantly astonished when they were surrounded by a school of dolphins. Dangling their fingers in the water, they made contact with these mammals of the Wading in the shallow water and strolling
along the beach, the seafarers spotted some ex along the beach, the seafarers spotted some ex-
traordinary shells and glimpsed live sea crea-


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A group of Big Cypress youth played a few games of pickup basketball shortly after Unconquered For Christ organizer Josh Jumper conducted the invocation.


Following Emcee One's 10 -minute speaking session, the Oklahoma-based Native musical artist engaged in a freestyle game with the Big Cypress youth.

## Tribal Senior Alice Tucker: A Lesson in Resolve


#### Abstract

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS HOLLYWOOD - Tribal senior Alice Tucker, 57, has turned misfortune and heartache into redemption and perseverance. Overcoming incarceration, alcohol and drug abuse and family tragedies throughout the years, the Bird Clan member and Miami native now maintains a steady path toward a positive lifestyle. For Tucker, a modern world upbringing and the devastating deaths of several family members, including the loss of her mother, Anna Osceola Tucker, and older siblings, caused a downward spiral in her life. Resistant to treatment and counseling, she said after always walking on the fringe of the law with short stints always walking on the fringe of the law with short stint in jail, her rock bottom came when she received a 10 year prison sentence. She said the ordeal taught her lesson in strength of character. "I tried to take a bad situation "I tried to take a bad situation and make something good out of it, but I kept repeating the same patterns for a while until I managed to learn from it all," Tucker for a while until I managed to learn from it all," Tucker said. "I want people to know you can make a change, no matter what you have been through. You can do it and become productive in your life. fame said her positive outlook developed through family-oriented rearing of love and support from father, leader and medicine man Frank Iiger, known as Frank a part of a Tamiami Trail Miccosukee/Seminole camp. She is the youngest of eight siblings, having three sisters, Edna, Ruby and Mary, and four bothers, though only one, Johnny, is still alive today. "We were a tight knit family and were raised to look out for each other, Tucker said. "There was a lot of love that do not have it nowadays. It makes me grateful I did and still do." She maintains fond memories of her late parents and the indelible mark they left on her. "My father took care of us and was a friendly, hard-working individual. She was very supportive of us ditionally." The Holsaid said she also owes some of owes some of ment and growth to cousin, Janice Billie, during her years of turmoil. Both struggled together sharing jail time. "She has been such has strong person in handling her own situations,"

ALICE TUCKER her cousin. "I look at her and know she is such a good person and is very intelligent too." As a model for change, the mother of two, Anna Rose and Alfred Roy Tucker, and grandmother of four Kyreil, Breanna, Carissa and Arturro, said without guidance the choices of many of the Tribe's youth may lead hem down disastrous paths. "The problem is when you are not ready, you are ust not ready and some of them will either learn from heir mistakes or die from them," she said candidly "W [Seminoles] need to regroup and are somewhat getting lost. The accomplishments are good, but there is a price o pay in the process by making the negative choice me of us are making. Now a Tribal employee, assisting with the Triba main on a clean and sober track. "I like my job and enjoy what I do," Tucker said. "I "Enough faith." "Enough faith has been put in me that it has given  e confidence," she added. "God has put certain people make it."


 and let us do what we needed to do to find ourselves and
## Naples Community Comes Together to Share Traditions and Smiles at the Juanita Osceola Center

## Freelance Reporte

NAPLES - "It has been two-and-a-half wonder ful years since -we opened the Juanita Osceola Cente
on March 20,2008 " said Naples Liaison O B Jr. "This is undoubtedly one of the best things that ha Liaison Osceola explained that aspen
Le ociety, it is part of the Seminole culture atriarcha society, it is part of the Seminole culture to center life
around the camp of the eldest Tribal woman. For more around years his grandparents' village was the mor of the Naples/Collier County community. It was one
one big extended family.
After Juanita Osceola passed away in 1987, there
was no longer a central location for meeting, lene and socializing. "We are a very progressive community," contin
ued Liaison Osceola "With ued Liaison Osceola. "With the opening of the center,
named for my grandmother, we created a gathering named for my grandmother, we created a gathering
place and service center for our residents. It has become an agent to bring our community together and has the same appeal as the village gathering."
Since its opening, the center has Since its opening, the center has been a flurry of
activities for all ages. The entire facility is making use of every available space. The younger generation con-
and socialize in a healthy atmosphere. "Future plans would need to include some of the and educational benefits go beyond description. The and socialize in a healthy atmosphere.
Traditional Arts Specialist ducts an extensive program that incorporates sewing, In addition to daily projects, she organizes workshops that provide an opportunity for the participants to learn from a variety of artisans that specialize in various traditional crafts.
Enrichment
levels to Enment projects are geared to numerous age ners to adults

A monthly publication, the Naples Seminole News has become an important vehicle for distributing com munity information. It was created by staff at the center and features a calendar of events, historical data, spe-
cial features and documents travel, education, cultural and personal accomplishments of community residents Health awareness has become a major objective of
the center. Nutrition classes, organized walks, exercis, weight loss groups and diabetic programs are flourish ing.
Community Outreach Specialist Sandy Osceola and Liaison Osceola voiced their concerns that the community is already outgrowing its facilities. In orde their needs, it is rapidly becoming necessary to look
me capabilities as the older reservations," said Liai- center has given us a means to recreate ourselves in utilizing our facilities to the maximum. We have an open door policy and all Tribal folks ing and it is important that we accommodate our members."
O.B. Osceola Sr. shared a detailed hispassed more then community that encom"My parents were very traditional and deeply concerned about preserving our culrecognized the need for education in order for us to fit into the future. They would be very happy to see us eating, working, learnagain. This is their legacy." as one family again. This is their legacy."
Community members were canvassed regarding the ability of the center to meet
their needs. It was a unanimous thumbs-up "We were all drifting apart and the cenBillie Slavik of Napes. "It," said Connie Billie Slavik of Naples. "It has become


Connie Billie Slavik creates a key ring during a Peyote beading class the Juanita Osceola Center


## Seminole Police Officers Celebrate 20 Years of Service



OFFICER GARY REZENDES


Raving Award. Rezendes pre-
ented a casino

OFHO DAN MGGILICUDDY patron from committing suicide in 2009. In 2004, McGillicuddy saved a 3-year-old child trapped inside an
overturned vehicle. Again, in 2009, McGillicuddy received a second award for saving a person who was attempting to jump from the parking garage.
Where the two are not alike is in Where the two are not alike is in their hobbies. McGillicuddy is an avid motorcycle fan and has ridden
on several organized out-of-state trips. He also enjoys on several organized out-of-state trips. He also enjoys
martial arts, bodybuilding and golf. Last year he came in second at the Tampa Indian Day 5 K event. Rezendes said he loves going to the movies and to Universal Studios. He enjoys all types of movies, but scary movies his favorite.
Prior to joining SPD, Rezendes worked in the res-
aurant industry and the postal service. McGillicuddy taurant industry and the postal service. McGillicuddy
served on active duty with the Army from 1985 to 1989 . Today, the Seminole Police Department has grown significantly, serving seven reservations throughout the state. It is the dedication of officers like Dan McGillicuddy and Gary Rezendes that contribute to the excellicuddy and Gary Rezendes that contribute
lent reputation SPD has in Indian Country.


SPD Explorers Program members make their introductions to the booths on hand at the open house.

## Seminole Recreation Department Hosts Open House to Inform the Community



## SPD Offers Tribal Community Back to School Tips for a Successful and Safe School Year

Nutrition \& Exercise:

- Nutrition and exercise are critical for a student to maintain top performance. Be-
gin each day with a healthy and nutrious gin each day with a healthy and nutritious
breakfast such as fresh fruit, eggs, juice breakfast such as fresh fruit, eggs, juice
and a low-sugar cereal. Allow time for your and a low-sugar cereal. Allow time for your minutes a day to burn off some of the excess energy they have. This in turn will promote good health, as well as a better focus for
schoolwork. Without a doubt, prior to the school year beginning and throughout the year, Seminole Police Department and the
met to discuss issues ranging from:
-Safety: At the onset of the school year,
we will have more patrol we will have more patrol around the schools o move traffic along smoothly.
out the entire school yea
-Any special issues from the School Board that should be passed along to chilthe community. he community.

They are available to assist both the including:
Keeping the school safe: Facilitating traffic to run smoothly. Truancy issues and making sure stuAssisting in gettin need to go within the school. Making sure everyone who
building has proper identification. Maintaining the security checkpoint within the school.

Sounding board for parents. Monitoring lunch periods for our stutive contact with the them to make posicome comfortable with children so they be Great contacts with police officers. Great contacts within the school that
students love to talk to. This interaction sists in building a good rapport between studists in building a good rapp
tain information about what is going on on
within the school. The Youth \& Elder Divi-
sion at Seminole Police Department makes sion at Seminole Police Department makes
regular visits to the preschools to ensure the regular visits to the preschools to ensure the
students' safety. They also facilitate many students' safety. They also facilitate many being presented throughout the school year being presented throughout the school year
to students, including some of the following: National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week, Bicycle Safety Week and the Bicycle Rodeo, D.A.R.E., Safety City, Gun Safety and Stranger Danger. These lessons educate our
children from a very young age about topics children from a very young age about topics
they will come in contact with during their ives. They are a great benefit to our children and community.
Parents, encourage your children each and every day to be successful in school. am proud that the Seminole Police Depart-
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an integral part of the success of our chilan integral part of the success of our chil-
dren. All Seminole Police Department Emdrey. All dere here to guide them into a strong future

Learn How to Maintain Good Communication with Your Teen Children

Conversations get derailed sometimes. It happens to everyone, Just remember that most
parents feel like they're at a loss for how to talk with teenagers. Here are a few tips for putting things back on track:
-Remember how moody you were as teen? And how frustrating it was trying to exSo when he or she has an outburst cut him now
some slack. It's normal.
first time. In worry about getting it all right the really hard subject, tackle it in a series of smal talks instead of one big one. You may have bet ter luck making your point. -Don't be afraid to admit that you made
a mistake and apologize for it. Reminding our a mistake and apologize for it. Reminding out damage our authority.

## Get the Smartest Card at Your Library

## September 2010 Is Library Card Sign-up Month

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Dorothy Scott Osceola Memorial Library
September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida Library System wants to make sure that all children on the
Hollywood, Brighton, Immokalee and Big C press Reservations have the smartest card of all
library card.
Public library programming and books for children make a difference in the 1
students. By providing school-age children with engaging programs and amazing collections, students are
more likely to become excited and en more likely to become excited and en
thusiastic readers.
"A library card has always beer most important school supply of all," said Elita Kalma, library program manager for Hollywood and Brigh
ton. "Today's libraries are thriving ton. "Today's libraries are thriving
social centers where we provide children with not only the tools to be lit-
erate, but information literate as well. There's a lot happening at the Seminole Tribe of Florida libraries and the hat all you need to take advantage verything is a library card!"
Getting a library card is easy
ools/pickyourbattles/bait.html . It can help you keep your emotions under control and save you from falling into the same traps over and over. Typical teen behavior can trigger a lot of
emotion in parents. By learning to spot that emotion in parents. By learning to spot that
behavior and manage our own impulses, we avoid giving our teens control. Plus, we communicate better because our messages aren't louded by emotion.
What happens when your teen mouths off? Does your heart race? Do your cheeks burn? These are the warning
Thour neck get
n. As soon as you feel the cues, take a deep breath (or three) or take a break to cool down. Before you do, though, set a time when you'll Porents, when it continue talking. Parents, when it comes to your teens and
cohol, tobacco, drugs, or any other harmful substance or behavior, be clear, be firm, be consistent. Be the Wall!

Mission: The Big Cypress Team - "Be The Wall Task Force" is dedicated to empowering youth to reject harmful substances by
increasing education, motivation, collaboration, and awareness to create a safe and healthy community.

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RE: Whitewater Rafting Trip/Cultural Exchange

On behalf of the Bkejwanong Territory Youth, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanl ou for inviting our Nation to the Whitewater rafting trip in Boise Idaho 2010.

When two Tribes meet and share stories, a powerful message is produced and the youth becoms he foundation for a better future through stories and sharing. Dreams and goals can be formed and then acted upon, once the youth realize that anything is possible. Although we were only able to send five members from Bkejwanong Territory we truly appreciate your hospitality.

The Seminole Tribe has a powerful message just wating to be heard through the voices of you routh. Bkejwanong Territory will always welcome your Tribe to our nation. We are located in Ontario, Camada bordering the United States. Bkejwanong 'Territory (where the waters divide has been offering many opportunities for other Nations to visit,

In closing, please allow me this opportunity to say Megwetch (Thank-You) and you ahways have a place to stay here in Canada. If you have a youth group interested in travelling to Blkejwanong please contact me at steve toratkencuwincer we would encourage you to visit.

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## Education



Tribal officials, royalty and members of the Glades County School Board join Charter School staff to cut the ribbon, thus making official the new addition to the school.


Richard Smith and mother Joni Smith Johnson re ceive information and a supply list from scienc teacher Ms. Bass.


Keyana Nelson, right, meets new member of the Charter School staff Ms. Drake.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Gears Up for New School Year

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - Teachers and students got reacquainted Aug. 19 at Brighton's Pemayetv Emahakv's open house.
Principal Russell Brown introduced the entire Charter School staff to parents and students during an orientation held in the school cafeteria prior to families visiting the individual classiooms.
With the addition
Charter School also welcomed 14 new staff members, 10 of them being teachers.
may be new to all veteran teachers," Brown said. "They for quite some time and so they're accustomed to the sysem we have in place here."
During orientation, new policies were discussed inschool starting tardy and absent policy along with a new Following time.
Following the orientation, the Charter School held a brief ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of
a new building at the school, which brings more classa new building at the school, which brings more class-
rooms for students, including a couple science labs. "Thank you all for coming out all you parents an children and joining us as we take another step in the school to try to keep doing what we were supposed to be doing," Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said. Glades County Superintendent Wayne Aldrich was also present for the momentous occasion and stressed the importance of parent involvement.
After the ribbon was cut students raced to meet their new teachers and see their new technology-based class-
"The science classroom is actually a high-tech lab,"
science teacher Renee Finney said. "We have tables that move up and down with electricity in them, so we can can incorporate because everything is going technology now. ${ }^{\text {The }}$ Charter School continues to grow each year with its population rising and school premises expanding. is how the Charter School has managed to set itself apart is how the Charter School has managed to set itself apart
from other area schools. 'We've got to go back,' but this is like a dream job it's like heaven here so it's not a job, it's a place we all love to


Seventh-grader Dezmon Shore speaks with his new history teacher Mr. Pritchard


Tara Robbins, in front, walks her two children, Sarah Robbins, center, and Mariah Smith, to the Ahfachkee School's front office, sending them off to their first day of school on Aug. 23

Ahfachkee's School Year Begins With Open House


Pre-K teacher Renee Barry teaches her students how to Pre-K teacher Renee Barry teaches her students how to
recite the seven days of the week early in the Ahfachkee School's first day of classes on Aug. 23.


Ahfachkee School ninth-grader Erica Mata receives her classroom portfolio from teacher aide K. Franklin during fourth period English class.


## Incentive Awards Are Offered to Tampa Seniors, Students for Scholastic Achievements

## $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Peporter }}$ Staff Reporter

TAMPA - The Education Department honored students for their academic achievements at the 2010
Tampa Incentive Awards Aug. 19 at the Tampa Bay Florida Aquarium. Students received certificates, medals and backpacks for their hard work. Tampa seniors Nancy Frank, Maggie Garcia and Linda O. Henry were also recognized for their academtremely hard over the past year, educating themselves and improving their English skills. "These are the one you want to look up to," Brigh"These are the one you want to look up to," Brigh-
on/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said ton/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said to the youth. "You don't need pröns
look up to. Finish what you start." senting academic advancement. senting academic advancement.
"Don't be a slacker," Frank said. "I go to school and it's hard for me. It's never too late."
The seniors plan to continue their studies in the upcoming year.
Students also received trophies for ricular activities in sports and music.


Allen Hernandez is congratulated by Brighton/Tachel Buxto Rep. Andrew J . Bowers

The Seminole Police Department gave recognition to the youth that are part of the Police Explorer program, recognizing their dedication and hard work


Summer Smith receives her academic achievement certificate from Director of Education Emma Johns.


Director of Education Emma Johns presents Carlos Bermudez with his certificate.


Big Cypress Incentive Awards Honor Students for Past Year's Scholastic Achievements


Big Cypress Tribal citizen Shani Billie, right, holds her 4-year-old son, Jody Cabral, as her other two children, 10 -year-old Elisha Billie, left, and 5 -year-old Akira Cabral, center, each receive backpacks and certificates at the Big Cypress Incentive Awards ceremony on Aug. 20. Held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, 285 Big Cypress students were awarded for academic achievements in the 2009-2010 s
Department Office Coordinator Demita Ivey.
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Big Cypress Incentive Award Winners
**All award winners are listed in alphabetical order
Effort Award
Effort Award

1. Bionca Acosta, 2. John Alvarez, 3. Cyiah Avila, 4. LiSandra Baker, 5. Anthony Balentine, 6. Lariah Balentine, 7. Tana Bear-Osceola, 8. Kather ine Bert, 9. Ronnie Billie Jr., 10. Akol Billie, 11. Dannee Billie, 12. Darius 17. Justina Billie, 18. Lazzlow Billie, 19. Natasha Billie, 20. Redheart Billie, 21. Shawna Billie, 22. Tanoke, Billie, 23. Thomlynn Billie, 24. Tyru
Billie, 25. Matthew Bluebird, 26. Abiaka Bowers, 27. Aiden Bowers, Billie, l2. Matthew Bluebird, 26. Abiaka Bowers, 27. Aiden Bowers, 28. Alanis Bowers, 29. Alyssa Bowers, 30 . Sierra Bowers, 31. Alisa Brooks, 32. Akira Cabral, 33. Deforest Carter, 34. Jacob Cotton, 35. Billy
Cypress III, 36. Stanley Cypress IV 37. Adrienne Cypress, 38 Aileen Cypress III, 36. Stanley Cypress IV, 37. Adrienne Cypress, 38. Aileen 2. lan Cypress, 43. Jalen Cypress, 44. Ja'vian Cypress, 45. Jaylee Cypress, 46 . Kira Cypress, 47. Michael Cypress, 48. Michaela Cypress, 49. Mya Cypress, 50. Myron Cypress, 51. 0'shaa'ne Cypress, 52. Quen ton Cypress, 53. Sydnee Cypress, 54. Tai Cypress, 55. Terinna Cypress, 56. Kanavis Cypress-Williams, 57. Ashley Escobar, 58. Herschel Frank, Gonzalez, 63. Leslie Gopher Jr., 64. Daylyn Hall, 65. Micah Hargis, 66. Ko'Oshee Henry, 67. Katrina Huggins, 68. Bradin Jim, 69. Darren Jim, 0. Nathaniel Jim, 71. Rashaun Jim, 72. Susie Jim, 73. Michelle Jimmie, 74. Monique Jimmie, 75. Precious Jimmie, 76. Ramona Jimmie, 77. Jaiven Jim-Washington, 78. Anthony Joe, 79. Callie Joe, 80. William
Jumper III, 81. Ka'ahna Jumper, 82. Kaylee Jumper, 83. Keith Jumper, Jumper III, 81. Ka'ahna Jumper, 82. Kaylee Jumper, 83. Keith Jumper, 88. Haden Littlebear, 89. Jessica Lopez, 90. Trevon Marks, 91. Natalia Martinez, 92. Dare'rick McInturff, 93 . Jared McInturff, 94 . Rodin Mercer 5. Waylon Micco, 96. Jesse Mitchell, 97. Rayce Noah, 98. Keithana Onco, 99. Tia Osborne, 100. Emmitt Osceola, 101. Mario Osceola, 02. Rowdey Osceola, 103. Sarah Osceola, 104. Whitney Osceola 105. Thalia Pacheco, 106. Breanna Robbins, 107. Dylan Robbins, 108.
Illiana Robbins, 109. Ignacia Rodriguez, 110. Leandra Rodriguez 111. Illiana Robbins, 109. Ignacia Rodriguez, 110. Leandra Rodriguez, 111.
Rickardo Rodriguez, 112. Andrea Ryland, 113. Eric Sanders Jr., 114. Klayton Sanders, 115. Kory Sanders, 116. Mariah Smith, 117. Xavier Solano, 118. Kassim Stockton, 119. Martha Tiger, 120. Catlin Tommie, 121. Danni Jae Tommie, 122. Maria Villareal, 123. Nena Waggerby, 12 Nigel Wells, 125 . Reagan Whitecloud, 126. Jalee Wilcox, 127. Trinity williams, 128 . Troy Yescas, 129. Conray Yescas.

## Pre-K Award

1. Cyiah Avila, 2. Dayne Billie, 3. Darius Billie, 4. Lazzlow Billie, 5. Tanoke Billie, 6. Alisa Brooks, 7. Akira Cabral, 8. Ja'vian Cypress, 9. Jayle Cypress, 10. Jaiven Jim-Washington, 11. Keithana Onco, 12. Miguel Reynosa, 1 . Dylan Robbins, 14. Iliana Robbins, 15 . Andrea Ryland, 6. Xavier Solano, 17. Kassim Stockton, 18. Maria Villarreal 19. Jalee

Kindergarten Award

1. Cameron Alexander, 2. Nicholus Andrews, 3. Athena Bert, 4. Caleb Billie, 5. Keaton Billie, 6. Sontino Billie, 7. Talia Billie, 8. Evol Buck, 9 Leviticus Buster, 10. Evan Cypress, 11. Harmony Cypress, 12. Tauni Jimmie, 16. Jaiden Jim-Washington, 17. Angelie Melton, 18. Dar'rick Nelson-Williams, 19. Cale Osceola, 20. Charlie Osceola, 21. Dacia Osceola, 22. Daleen Osceola, 23. Daylon Osceola, 24. Edie Robbins, 25. Timothy Tigertail, 26. Chyler Villareal, 27. Anthony Wells, 28. Aujua Williams.
GED Award
2. Alec Cypress.

High School Diploma
. Tianna Garcia, 2. Shelli Osceola, 3. Erik Wilson

Awards and Certificates

1. Shana Balentine, 2. Leauna Billie, 3. Talia Billie, 4. Sierra Bowers, 5. Harmony Cypress, 6. Kamari Ivey, 7. Kevin Ivey, 8. Janessa Jones, 9. Jason Jumper, 10. Kaptain Jumper, 11. Dar'rick Nelson-Williams, 12. Alyssa Osceola, 13. Charlie Osceoola, 14. Juan Salazar, 15. Willie Smith 16. Abigail Tigertail, 17. Abraham Tigertail, 18. Timothy Tigertail, 19

## Advanced Classes

1. Terance Hill.

Honors Classes

1. Rayel Billie, 2. Jean Capricien, 3. Ahnie Cypress-Jumper, 4. Christopher Joe Jr., 5. Jason Meiton II, 6. Justin Roff, 7. Tylor Tigertail.

## 3 Days or Less

 Sontino Billie, 10. Sierra Bowers, 11. Jathaniel Brooks, 12. Elise Brow 13. Jorge Godden-Harden, 14. Jason Jumper, 15. Kaptain Jumper, 16. Kylen Jumper, 17. Tash-sho-tah-che Jumper, 18. Katheryn MacElroy, 19. Jason Melton II, 20. Alonzo Wargolet, 21. Chasyn Yescas, 22. JulianYescas. Yescas.
Perfect Attendance

1. Rubi-Anne Alexander, 2. Eyanna Billie.

Improved GPA

1. Charles Alexander III, 2. Levi Billie, 3. Troy Cantu, 4. Anthony Cypress, Tash-sho-tah-che Jumper, 10. Bradley Osceola, 11. Starzie Vargas

### 3.00-3.75 GPA

1. Charles Alexander III, 2. Cassandra Alexander, 3. Christian Alexander, 4. Christopher Alexander, 5. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 6. Malari Baker, 7. 11. Akira Billie, 12. Alfred Billie, 13. Arnold Billie, 14. Asiana Billie, 15. Corbin Billie, 16. Cypress Billie, 17. Elisah Billie, 18. Eyanna Billie, 19. Graysun Billie, 20. Hunter Billie, 21. Jalycia Billie, 22. Leauna Billie, 23 Rayel Billie, 24. Stevie Billie, 25. Mahala Billie-Osceola, 26. Brianna Bowers, 27. Gloria Brooks, 28. Jean Capricien, 29. Darlah Cypress, 30. Darwin Cypress, 31. Dasani Cypress, 32. Destiny Cypress, 33. Nia Cypress, 34 . Raini Cypress, 35. Darius Friday, 36. Leilani Gopher, 37. Herrera, 41. Craig Huckabee, 42. Kevin Ivey, 43. Christopher Joe Jr., 44. Annie Joe, 45. Kylen Jumper, 46. Tash-Sho-Tah-Che Jumper, 47. Dalton Koenes, 48. Dayra Koenes, 49. Canadelario Landin III, 50 . Andre andin, 51. Mika Lopez, 52. Katheryn MacElroy, 53. John McInturff, 54. Jason Melton II, 55 . Clayton Milicevic, 56. Bradley Osceola, 57. Chaska Symphony Osceola, 62. Evanne Pratt, 63. Taylor Pratt, 64. Cooper Rivers, 65 . Willie Smith, 66. Alena Stockton, 67. Savannah Tiger, 68. Abigail Tigertail, 69. Derick Toho, 70. Skyal Tommie, 71. Samantha Vargas, 72. tephanie Vargas, 73. Chynna Villareal, 74. Uriah Waggerby, 75. Gianna Wargolet, 76. Karlito Wargolet, 77. Kaylie Yescas

### 3.75-3.99 GPA

1. Rubi-Anne Alexander, 2. Shana Balentine, 3. Carlee, Billie, 4. Sabre iilie, 5. Hermoine Calderon, 6. Katrina Columbo, 7. Elijah Cook, 8. Osia nna Crespo, 9. Ahnie Cypress-Jumper, 10. Valholly Frank, 11. Terance Hill, 12. Kamari vey, 1at. Canaan Jumper, 14. Hehchoo-ye Lumper, 15 . Onco, 19. Alyssa Osceola, 20. Brandi Osceola, 21. Ryanne Pratt, 22. Justin Roff, 23. Amaya Solano, 24. Tequesta Tiger, 25. Abraham Tigeraii, 26. Alonzo Wargolet, 27. Annabelle Whiteshield, 28. Chasyn Yescas, 29. Julian Yescas.

Straight As - 4.0 GPA

More Photos from Tampa Incentive Awards Ceremony


Cavan Guzman receives
for the new school year.

Adult Education Nancy Frank
Maggie Garcia Maggie Garcia
Linda 0. Henry High School Graduates Phaydra Clark

Perfect Attendance Cavan Guzman
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All As \& Bs Carlos Bermude Angel Dillon Caitlin Garcia Jessica Motlow

Justin Motlow Justin Motlow Deven Osceola
Nigel Osceola Azaria Simmons Katie Smith Maya Smith

Three or less days absent Christina Clark Caitlin Garcia Dante Henry Desmond Miller Desmond Miller
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Ethan Smith Jacob Smith Katie Smith
Maya Smith Nicholas Smith Stacy Smith Summer Smith Victoria Smith
Taryn Storm Trystyn Storm Danelle Thomas Ruby Thomas Ryanna Thomas
Issac Urbina Issac Urbina
Melody Urbina Melody Urbina
Owen Urbina Jamie Walkingstick Kanika Walking stick Brenna Walton James Williams Jr.
Sports/Music Awards Anazette Billie-Saxton Anazette Billie-Saxton Christina Clark - Violin Carrisa Colon - Cheerlead ing
Joel Foret - Football Cavan Guzman - Karate Andrew Henry - Football Volleyball
Jessica Motlow - Rowing Justin Motlow - Football, Soccer

Brighton Preschoolers Learn Alphabet Through Art


The Brighton 3 -year-old preschool class proudly shows off the letter ' $B$ ' artwork from the weekly family project assignment. Each week they create at home with their parents an art piece featuring a letter of the alphabet.

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## Hollywood/Fort Pierce Incentive Awards Celebrate Adults in Academics



Kindergarten
Alliana Brady, Analysse Stockton, Andrew Bowers, Jr. Anthony Doctor, Arianna Osceola, Ashlee Cypress, Babi Pichardo, Caidence Smith, Charles Osceola, Clarice DeMayo, Colin Bowers-Wilson, Diamond Osceola, Dominic Osceola, Elyse Alvarado, Gavin Cypress, Griffin Billie, Hunter DeHass,
Isabella Motlow, Jahniyah Henry Ja'Kailee Stewart, Jarred Cypress, Isabella Motlow, Jahniyah Henry, Ja'Kailee Stewart, Jarred Cypress, Keith
Osceola, Kylie Drake, Leanne Diaz, Lillian Doctor, Luxie Billie, Madison Jumper, MaKayla Petrillo, Maryjane Osceola Nakai Alex, Noami Osceola Shyla Holata, Skye Stubbs, Tiger Morales, Tony Billie, Jr. and Trace Wilcox 3.00-3.75 GPA Vernon Caldwell, III, Calamity Caldwell, Kenyen Arriola, Talia Rodriguez, Conchade Osceola, Marcie Osceola, Rubie Osceola, Xiora Osceola, Gerret
Osceola, Daniel Dehass, Neyom Osceola Cheyenne Kippenberger River Osceola, Daniel Dehass, Neyom Osceola, Cheyenne Kippenberger, River
Bowers, Janay Cypress, Kasera Cypress, Daniel Rodriguez, Joel Arroyo, Tous Young, Jr., Trinity Bowers, Tyler Bilodeau, Brent Frank, Michael Tiger, Rebecca Vazquez, Tristen Wilcox, Rylee Osceola, Cameron A. Osceola, Kanavis Cypress, Terrell Primeaux, Jade Young, Tarina Young, Katelyn Young, Celena Doctor, Arek Jumper, Chayse Billie, Rhett Tiger, Audriahna Sirota, Brendan Latchford, Cedric Martin, Jr., Rafael Ramirez, Reed Gopher,
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Silver Wolf, Kayla Billie, Knananochet Osceola, Joslyn Cypress, Neo Motlow, Marsha Osceola, Anissa Osceola, Carson Knaby, Victoria Lacey, Joseph Diaz, Kaitlynn Gorney, Phoenixsun Jumper, Brooke Osceola, Krishawn Henry, Alliana Brady, Dominique Motlow, Aaron Osceola, Mariah Bowers, Heather Kippenberger, Adahma Sirota, Skyla Osceola, Adrianne Bell, Caitlyn
Billie, Vennabella Sisto, Elizabeth Frank, Bradley Latchford, Eale Billie Billie, Vennabella Sisto, Elizabeth Frank, Bradley Latchford, Eagle Billie,
Jonathan Bowers, Lorelei Tommie, Howie Drake, Mary Stivers, Robert StiJonathan Bowers, Lorelei Tommie, Howie Drake, Mary Stivers, Robert Sti-
vers, Jr., Julian Billie, Jaela Stewart, Destiny Diaz, Arianna Primeaux, India Harjo, Jerome Stivers, Savannah Redbone-Osceola, Jessica Turtle, Di-toy-yo Billie, Isaiah Pichardo, Jonathan Idle, Lena Stubbs, Isacc Pichardo, Peter Billie, Jr., Victoria Stivers, Boryalys Cypress, Kiana Bell, Maleah Smith, Janae Bankston, Lavontae Tommie, Kylen Jumper, Grant Osceola, J'Forrest Cypress, Echo Wolf, Arissa Cypress, Cindi Adair, Chahechom Osceola, Gabrielle Billie, Donavin Spiva, Zackary Buster, Cameron N. Osceola, Kiauna
Martin, Jaden Bankston, Valentino Ramos-Huggins, Adakai Robbins, Grace Martin, Jaden Bankston, Valentino Ramos-Huggins, Adakai Robbins, Grace
Martinez, Blige Cypress, Jackson Buster, Kenzie Motlow, Brianna BlaisBillie and Phyllis Osceola 3.76-3.99 GPA

Jordan Osceola, Jack Osceola, Luke Baxley, Jr., Tucomah Robbins, John T. Osceola, Italia Sisto, Brooke Johns, Ari Perlmutter, Cecil Johns, Sara Ramos-Huggins, Teijo Smith, Amelia Sanchez, Joseph John, Amya
Baxley, Natomah Robbins, Brittany Cox, Alycia Cypress, Cameron Jumper, KeiShawn Stewart, Tyree Jimmie, Kyler Bell, Joey Puente, Faith Osceola, Devan Bowers, Sheldon Osceola, Leeonna Pichardo, Brady Latchford, Kendra Frank-Osceola, Braudie Blais-Billie, Matthew Osceola, Jr., Ashley Osceola, Timmy Cox III, Elizabeth Osceola, Laterian Pichardo, Kaiya Drake, Claireese Avila, Patrick Brady, Jay Bowers, Kiara Pichardo, Zoey Puente,
Karrigan Young, John R. M. Osceola, Coleman Josh, lrissa Young, Taylor Holata and Elizabeth Osceola
4.00 GPA

Fairuza Billie, Sharka Frank, DaKoda Josh and Kaden Young Improved GPA- Di-toy-yo Billie, Caitlyn Billie, Reed Gopher, Samuel Hunter, Brady Latchford, Grace Martinez, Brooke Osceola, Kaitlynn Osceola, Lyle Osceola,
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Letitia Foster

## Students Pampered at Back to School Spa Day

## BY JUDY WEEKS

IMMOKALEE - Pooling their resources, serice departments of the Immokalee community co eparation for the new school year Booths were set up in the Immokalee Gym on up for a wide variety of activities. They also received a raffle ticket at each booth they visited with winner receiving Best Buy gift cards. Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar and the Deptartment of Education provided each
student with a book bag and numerous school supplies to enable them to begin their classes well prepared.
mokalee's professional hair stylists from one of Immokalee's favorite salons, Eddie's Hot Shot Salon,
remained busy throughout the day creating fashionremained busy throughout the day creating fashion-
able hair-dos for the first day of school. Boys and girls were eager to receive a new look, trim, bob, shave or A quick once over by staff members from the Clinic discussed the prevention of communicable diseases, lice and cleaniness.
The Fitness Department pampered their young their hands and nails and provide a deep cleansing a tion. Taking turns in the chair, they received a back, neck and shoulder massage. the Education Departments Care for the Elderly and full manicure comprised of nail trimming, artistic nail painting and adornment appropriate for boys and girls.
and exercise came from the Recreation Department. Meanwhile, the Immokalee Seminole Ranch prepared healthy, child-friendly lunch.
The Seminole Police Department gave an informative presentation on Stranger Danger, safety at
the bus stop, emergency procedures in the event of the bus stop, emergency procedures in the event of
an accident,and bicycle and pedestrian traffic rules. Officers were on hand to take fingerprints and update personal physical information records.
Dividing the group by gender, the boys and girls
received instruction from members of the Family received instruction from members of the Family
Services Department, focusing
on personal hygiene,
physical
puberty,
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velopment and healthy choices,
as well as combating undesirable peer pressure. Students, parents were encouraged to look into tutoring proopportunities.
They were also They were also
advised to sign the necessary order to ensure safe new school safe new school
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SPD Officer Tom Faherty takes Carlize Bermudez's finger prints to up
date her security records.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Students Prepare for Student Council with Representatives' Guidance

## BY RACHEL BUXTON

Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - The students of Pemayetv Emaakv got a lesson on Tribal government as they prepared Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers J. Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. and Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. dropped by to have a say in how their school is run, by becoming part of the school's student council. Each representative spoke to the students briefly on what it takes to be part of Tribal government, at the Tribal and school level. Rep. Bowers said. "The key is to make promises you kep. Bowers said. "The key is to make promises you Jones encouraged the students to get involved with
the government process early and not to be shy to take stand. "You really need to start learning what goes on in
your Tribe," Rep. Jones said, "because you're going to your Tribe," Rep. Jones said, "be"


Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. speaks to students at Pemayetv Emahakv school



Hollywood/Fort Pierce Education Advisor Will Bacon welcomes students and parents.

Youth Gear Up for School Year with Back to School Bash
 nd ine for backpacks and of the Back to School Bash gathering at the Fort Pierce Chupco Ranch on Aug.
19. The event was sponsored by the Education Department, and featured face painting, muTribal and dinner for the guests with more than 20 participants on hand.

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## Health

Department's Fair Encourages Seniors to Focus on Health

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BRIGHTON - The Seminole Health Department visited the Bighton Senior Center Aug. 18 to provide the seniors with imp "Everybody no durter wh one of their regular health fairs. "Everybody, no matter what age you are, needs to really focus
on your health," Health Education Coordinator Brenda Bordogna said. "It's something that all of us have and all of us need to take
The Health Department had a variety of booths set up covering ordio and strength training food comparison, diabetes and hydro, tion. The men's health station, run by Health Educator Lance Vaz of hig Cypress Health Department, educated men on important "I encourage regular checkups and testicular cancer. informed how their health is"" Vaz at least once a year so they are informed how their health is," Vaz said. "As you get older, your body naturally has problems that you didn't have 20 years ago and
a lot of times these problems have no signs or symptoms, so they could be going for years with these problems and not even realize

Handouts and goodies were given out at all the booths.
Women received handouts on mammograms, osteoporosis and
breast cancer, while everyone received a T-shirt and pedometer at breast cancer, while everyone received a T-shirt and pedometer
the walking station to help them keep track of their daily steps. Seniors learned just how much of a difference there is in regu-
lar and diet/low-fat food products at the food comparison station.
The Health Department The Health Department also put on a
on how to make a quick and healthy meal.
to them," said Bordogna. "They are our elders, so if they look up to them," said Bordogna. "They are our elders, so if they are good pictures of health, then it's going to be a really positive thing for all
of those that are looking to them for information."

Leah Minnick receives a pedometer to track her steps, from Health Education Coordinator Brenda Bordogna.


Amy Kimberlain educates Nancy Shore on staying hydrated.


Fitness Depa
Eddie Shore.


Nellie Smith receives information from Barbara Boling on women's health issues.


Mable Tichenor learns the difference between types of food from dietician Lucy Barrios.

## Seminole Recreation Department Hosts Community Wellness Fair



Tribal citizens gathered Aug. 12 at the Seminole Recreation Gym to participate in the Hollywood Community Wellness Fair. The annual event featured about 20 departments promoting heaith awareness. Tribal citizens and employees took advantge of the health screenings, literature, tips and raffle giveaways.
Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. B. Max Osceola Jr., center, also attended the fair.

## Know What Contributes to Food Spoilage and IIIness

Environmental Health Progra

Cross contamination is usually the first thought when it comes to food spoilage and illness. Howeve
bacteria are already present in food and can multipl if specific requirements and conditions such as tim
HH moisture and temperature are abused. These can increase the risk of food spoilage and illness. Temperature Management temperatures between 0 to 40 degrees. Bacteria still multiply at these temperatures but they just do so slower. At freezing temperatures, bacterial growth slows to nearly nil. Freezing doesn't kill them, it
just inactivates them. Once you thaw a food item, any bacteria that were there before freezing will jus Keeping Hot Foods Hot. B slows down once again at temperatures hotter than 140 degrees, so hot foods must be kept hotter than that at all times. Keep in mind that 140 degrees does
not kill bacteria - it only stops them from multiplying. If you actually want to kill bacteria, you've got heat them up to at least 165 degrees.
Time:

Time:
Ime works hand in hand with temperature and encourages the growth of bacteria at an exponentia
rate. Simply stated, the more time food is left out, the faster the growth of bacteria will occur.
Moisture

Moisture
Like all living organisms, bacteria need wate
vegetables, are prime breeding ground for harmful acteria. Low-moisture foods, including dried grains for a very long time without spoiling or harboring PH level (Acidity)
PH is a measure of how acidic something is. The ph scale is from 0 to 14. Anything lower than 7 is considered acidic and anything higher than 7 is considered basic or alkaline. A value of 7 would be onsidered neutral. Ordinary water has a pH of 7 . Bacteria can't stand anything too acidic or too needs to be neutral. Foods that typically have a neutral pH include animal-based products such as seafood, meat, poultry, eggs and milk.
By contrast, most vegetables and pasta have a very high pH when uncooked, but turn neutral after preparation. Therefore, they are more hazardous when cooked. Highly acidic foods such as citrus, to-
matoes, apples, vinegar, berries and so on, are relatively unattractive to bacteria from a pH standpoint. They'll grow; it just takes a lot longer.
It may seem like there are a lot of ways to con-
trol the growth of acteria in our food frol the growth of bacteria in our food.
However, we can't control time because it keeps
However, we can't control.
ticking away no matter what. And while we can change the moisture and acidcial element in controlling the spread of food-borne illness and spoilage

## Diabetic Day Focuses on Fat Loss Monitoring

## BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - The Tribe's most recent Diabetic Day event, held on Aug. 19, centered on the use of a fat loss monitoring system. Big Cypress Tribal Senior Charlotte Bowers took part in the health
clinic entitled Know Your Numbers, hosted by Big Cypress Dietician Jillian Guralski and Health Educator Lance Vaz. Following her doctor's appointment that morning at the Big Cypress
Health Clinic Bowers ate some breakfast and revealed how she main Health Cling, Bows ate sois In the clinic, Bowers said sh sure at a normal level. When asked how she does it the 56 -year-old Tribal elder said she regularly exercises with her four grandchildren and maintains a laid-back demeanor. It helps her maintain her diabetic level, she said.
"When I get stressed, it causes too many problems," Bowers said. "
just prefer to be laid-back. That could be why I'm healthy", just prefer to be laid-back. That could be why l'm healthy." duced her to the Omron Fat Loss Monitor, a device that takes into ac couced an individual's fat percentage and body mass index. According to
con Guralski, it takes up to 10 seconds for the individual's results to show up Guralski explained to Bowers how to read the results. "Your numbers are good, but if you exercise a little more, they could be even better, Bowers said she us
Bowers said she used to walk three miles each in the morning and her energy on them for the most part.
Vaz offered some advice to Bower
"You'll probably feel better about yourself if you start walking again," Vaz said. "How about walking one mile each morning and night?"
"I'll do that," Bowers said with a smile as she prepared to exit the health clinic after finishing her breakfast. "I appreciate the information


Tribal Senior Charlotte Bowers, left, takes a ook at her results, with the assistance of Big Cypress Health Educator Lance Vaz

## Find Out How Methamphetamine Affects the Brain

## STOF Family Services Departmen

Methamphetamine or "meth" is a central nervou Methamphetamine or "meth" is a central nervous
system stimulant drug that is similar in structure to amsystem stimulant drug that is similar in structure to am-
phetamine. Due to its high potential for abuse, methamphetamine is classified as a Schedule II drug and is avail able only through a prescription that cannot be refilled. Most of the methamphetamine abused in this country comes from foreign or domestic superlabs, although it can also be made in small, illegal laboratories, where its production endangers the people in the labs, neighbors, and the environment.
Meuptake of the brain chemical (or neure and blocks dopamine, leading to high levels of the chemical in the brain-a common mechanism of action for most drugs of abuse. Dopamine is involved in reward, motivation, the experience of pleasure, and motor function. Meth-
amphetamine's ability to release dopamine rapidly in reward regions of the brain produces the intense euphoria, or "rush," that many users feel after snorting, smoking, or injecting the drug. Chronic methamphetamine abuse significantly changes how the brain functions. Recent studies in chronic methamphetamine abusers have re-
vealed severe structural and functional changes in areas vealed severe structural and functional changes in areas
of the brain associated with emotion and memory, which may account for many of the emotional and cognitive problems observed in chronic methamphetamine abusers. Repeated methamphetamine abuse can also lead to addiction-a chronic, relapsing disease characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, which is accompanied
is stopped. Reversal of some of the changes, however,
may be observed after sustained periods of abstinence (e.g., more than one year). Long-term methamphetamine abuse has many negative health consequences, including extreme weight loss,
severe dental problems ("meth mouth") anxiety confusevere dental problems ("meth mouth"), anxiety, confu-
sion, insomnia, mood disturbances, and violent behavior. Chronic methamphetamine abusers can also display a number of psychotic features, including paranoia, visual and auditory hallucinations, and delusions, including the sensation of insects crawling under the skin. Transmis-
sion of HIV and hepatitis B and C can be consequence of methamphetamine abuse. The intoxicating effects of
of methamphetamine, regardless of how it is taken, can also alter judgment and inhibition. Among abusers who inject the drug, HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases can be spread through contaminated needles, syringes, and other injection equipment that is used by more than one
person. Methamphetamine abuse may also worsen the person. Methamphetamine abuse may also worsen the
progression of HIV/AIDS and its consequences. In 2008, 850,000 Americans age 12 and older had abused methamphetamine at least once in the year prior to being surveyed. The National Institute on Drug Abuse -funded 2008 Monitoring the Future Study showed that
1.2 percent of eighth graders, 1.5 percent 10 th 1.2 percent of eighth graders, 1.5 percent of 10th graders,
and 1.2 percent of 12 th graders had abused methamphetamine at least once in the year prior to being surveyed. For more information about the effects or dangers of methamphetamine use please feel free to schedule a confidential meeting with a Family Services counselor on your respective reservation.


UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

## CONCERTS

SHAKIRA
GODSMACK
WIDESPREAD PANIC
CROSBY STILL \& NASH
RUSH
MEGADETH/SLAYER
YEASAYER
EAGLES
STONE TEMPLE PILOTS
SUGARLAND
ROGER WATERS
JUSTIN BIEBER LADY GAGA
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## Announcements

BIRTHDAY WISHES

To: My Brother Lyle

From: Your Younger Brother Ike
Life is crazy, ain't it? One day you and I are kids, you're cooking for us to eat, we're having fun with those beautiful Seminole girls back in the day, we re staying with grandma, playing ba
the gym, playing football at Driftwood.

Brother, life was a struggle, but it was simpler back then, wasn't it? Our generation didn't have
money just as the generations before ours. Though money just as the generations before ours. Though
we struggled, we Seminoles had each other, "uni-

Brother, I am thankful and grateful we still have that unity as when we were kids. Now you
are 40 years old. Yeah, I didn't forget your birthday, Bro, Happy Birthday!! We been through many battles, we been close to death, yet life goes on for
us. We been there and done that. We from the old school, "the Originals",

Anyway, through all life's struggles, one perhas been there for us and continues to be there for us, "Waache." She wants you to know that she
loves you and will be there for you out of love always when others forget you. Waache says Happy

Birthday too. Remember $\quad$ al
that I said to you Br , Waache will always make sure you have yours. For as long as
we have been living we have been living
we have been nobody's weol. Bro, just continue to put your faith and trust in Waache. She has your back, just as we both have hers. W are unified in everyway
Bro, especially when it comes to Waache Thank you for being Birthday, Bro!!!

and much respect. Happy Warrior 4 life, Ike T. Harjo
Koowaathi

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& \text { Happy Birthday Ricky Ray Baxley on Aug. } \mathbf{3 0} \\
& \text { To my Dad } \\
& \text { Although it's been } 15 \text { years since you were here, } \\
& \text { I still sit in disbelief. Asking why? Why did you } \\
& \text { leave me. I love you to the upmost and you are and } \\
& \text { always will be my hero. The love you had for me is } \\
& \text { close in my heart. You are never forgotten, one day } \\
& \text { my questions will be answered and until then I wait. } \\
& \text { I wait to see your face and once again hear you tell } \\
& \text { me you love me. } \\
& \text { Dad, thank you for loving me to the every end. } \\
& \text { You're the greatest that has ever been. } \\
& \text { I love you Rick B. } \\
& \text { Love always, } \\
& \text { Your \#1 Daughter } \\
& \text { Carolee }
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## LETTERS

## To: Aawaache Jennie B. Harjo

 om: Your youngest SonWaache I will always tell you how much you are appreciated and I always tell you that Eeh Chino Gotchumele. Waache it will be that way until breathe my last and even when I cross over to the
Spirit World, how I feel about you will continue on. I do my best to find ways to make life more comfort-

I told Pops I'd be the man of your place until he gets back home to you and Ahnonummegah Eenchachange. It n .
makes this fierce warrior feel great paying all your bills and buying your groceries. Just the thought my pride and joy makes me happy Waache as long as I breathe you do not have to worry. You and Chaaye raised this fierce warrior.

It's written in Pechekche. I will make it happen for Waache and Chaaye. You two, as well as Pops know this une Ward In ne else is. I know you feel it, my spirit is always prowling around you and will protect you by all eans necessary. Remember as I always have? Nakee Engelenomogah Chachonosh bun Chotolenungahle. Waache stay strong and Affach KooMahmitchmele

Mahmitchken Chehenchogah Hethosha.
tinue to do.
Eeh Ch
Eeh Chino Gotchumele, Ahhayake Waache
Sholoopahthi Bolchuncahga
Ike T. Harjo
Koowaathi


Ms. Kelcie Jumper,
I just wanted to congratulate you on getting a scholarship to play basketball. I remember someone had told me a few years back, not long after your mom passed on, that you set your mind on going to college and playing basket-
ball. Well, you made that come true. I know your mom would be very "proud" of you with what you have done! We know your mom would be very "proud"
ond smile from the Spirit World. Just like your mom, you go after what you want with all your heart. Keep doing what you're doing, strive to be the best in what you know you can be! Those who love you are proud, family and friends! you know you can be! Those who love you are proud, family and friends!
Kelcie, I wish you the best and the future you have, "Sky's the limit!!"
Only the strong survive!!!

## IN MEMORIAM

Ricky Ray Baxley
Daddy I love you and miss you. Your memory lives on You're with me and Dar'Rick he is you, we love you. I am trying to maintain myself as years pass. Can't wait till I see
you again.

Burton Lee Harjo Sr.

WELCOME!


## POEM

## Fast

Fast money, fast friends, fast lives Everything to excess When we lose more than we gain Just look at all the pain. Downhearted people watching loved one Tequselves iuso Se sacrificial fires of excess equesta, Calusa, Seminole, say it ain't so minoles going extinct say Fast money, fast friends, fast lives
Is money a new kind of ethnic cleansing

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& \text { A Tribal and cultural suicide }
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& \text { A Tribal and cultural suicide } \\
& \text { For those with the heart to hear. }
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Don't disgrace, protect the race.
Fast money, fast friends, fast lives,
Slow down people, time already moves fast enough. Don't forget our Tribal memories of generations past

Fast money, fast friends fast
Our greatest enemies against our iron will.

> Seminoles forever still, those with the heart to

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## POEMS

## "What I love about you"

Ilove the way you look at me our eyes so bright and brown.

I love the way you kiss me, Your lips so soft and smooth

I love the way you make me so happy And the way you show you care.

I love the way you say, "I love you," And the way you're always there.
I love the way you touch me, Always sending chills down my spine

I love that you are with me, And glad that you are mine.

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& \text { if you can relax without liquor, } \\
& \text { if you can sleep without the aid of drugs, }
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..then you are probably the family Dog! Get it now!
Desperate Days are upon me
Inflaming my soul into a blast furnace
My mind and body forged into metallic strength and coldness. Enjoyment of life is but a half-remembered dream A desperate life lived in desperate moments.
I live in the future, exist in the present, the past means nothing Never look back, keep grinding toward the future of my creation. Nothing matters, day after day, year after effing year,
I am dead inside, that's the only way to live through this thing,
Except, walking the yard I think of you,
All the things we once knew,
Letting your hair fall free, Your face I can see
looking for a Soul to Squeeze
I can’t wait till tomorrow...Stop it!!!
Nothing matters, day after day, year after effing year, Nothing matters
Desperate Days are upon me.

JW Henry

## "Inner Peace"

If you can start the day without caffeine,
if you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
if you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
if you can same food every day and be grateful for it are too busy to give you any time,
if you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
if you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, if you can conquer tension without medical help,
if you can relax without liquor

## Against all odds

Against all odds justice is finally about to prevail,
It's cruel in the U.S. of A.
When you're not wealthy and you're
That's the reality of it in this so-called Land of the Free,
Every chance they can they will disregard the Constitution to discriminate against an unconquered Seminole Warrior
like me.

Me against the world, it's always been that way,
the live to see another day.

After three wars against their government of hate still we rise,
rs is what motivates me to not let this
"L" be my demise.

I am thankful and grateful to be blesse with this pure unconquered blood that run will alwaysh my veins,
will always honor my ancestors for their sacrifice and pain.

Because of those strong women and fierce warriors I stand tall,
With the world on my shoulders I smile because your courts are forced to give Justice for All."

I love you hate it but that's the law of the land,
You should have set me free in 1999 instead of railroading this man.

But I thank you anyway because all his time has done me a world of good, no yet still throwing my set up for the home team in B.C. and Hollywood.
I am older, wiser, determined and focused to do it right, just to be back in the presence of my
fellow true unconquered Seminoles will be a beautiful sight.

My generation and those before know the struggle well
those after have the easy life, yet many

As our ancestors, we found a way to live to see another day
Though times have changed, we can' forget the blood on that wealth and mus appreciate it in every way.
Nothing is taking for granted anymore by me, to those that knew me well you will ee surprised at this change when I get free.

Not a damn thing is impossible, one just has to have the will to succeed, and pass on to my seeds.

Against all odds I will rise from within all this steel and stone, With my mind right and my spirit
strong I will be coming home. strong I will be coming home

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## Sports



## Participants 'Honor the Warrior' at Golf Tournament

## BY JUDY WEEKS

NAPLES - Prominent Seminole Warrior Billy Bowlegs was honored by mem bers of the Seminole Tribe with a golf tour-
nament on Sept. 10 at Heritage Bay Country Club in Naples.
ing the Second Seminole War and was head
chief during the Bowlegs or Third Semichief during the Bowlegs or Third Semi-
nole War," said his fifth generation grandnole War," said his fifth generation grandOsceola, Wildcat, Sam Jones and numerous other valiant warriors in an effort to defend their homeland and fight relocation to the Indian Territory in the West." More than 50 people, wearing Seminole attire in honor or Billy Bowlegs, gath-


From left, Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, Bess Bowlegs, Chris Bowlegs and Linda Henry participated in a celebration of the life of the warrior Billy Bowlegs.

BILLY BOWLEGS<br>graphy by Bess Bowlegs.

Billy Bowlegs, also known as Halpatter Micco and Alligator, was born between 1808
and 1812 into a family of hereditary chiefs directly descended from the Cowkeeper of the Oconee Tribe and founder of Seminole Indians The Cowkeeper's nephew was Payne, Payne's nephew was Micanopy, and Micano-
py's nephew was Billy Bowlegs py's nephew was Billy Bowlegs. town of Cuscowilla on the Alachua savannah near the present day cities of Micanopy and Gainesville. Following the burning destruction of their town by Tennessee and Georgia militia in 1813, young Bowlegs and his family moved
to Old Town on the Suwannee River. Within a few years, they were again forced to relocate to Lake County after General Andrew Jackson and his troops devastated their homeland. A full-blooded Seminole, Bowlegs was reported to be a perfect marksman and noted
for his powers of endurance and thabily to for his powers of endurance and the ability to
appear and disappear at will. He distinguished appear and disappear at will. He distinguishe
himself several times during the Second Seminole War, and, as a youthful sub-chiet of Abiaka "Sam Jones," he was coerced into signing the Treaty of Payne's Landing in 1832 Despite this signing, he adamantly refused to

After the
Alorida.
After the surrender of Osceola and death of Micanopy, Bowlegs led a band of prominer
fighters in engagements all across the Florid peninsula. In the wake of the 1839 successful attack on soldiers encamped on the Caloosahatchee River, near present-day Fort Myers, Bowlegs v
leader.
The elderly Sam Jones was approaching 90 and his subordinate Bowlegs assumed the position of head chief of the Seminoles, who remained in Florida for the duration of the

Winning teams at the golf tournament

1. Charlie Cypress \& Cicero Osceola, 2. Mondo Tiger \& Marcy Osceola, 3. Jason Tommie \& James Tommie, 4. Lawrence
Osceola \& K.B. Campbell, 5. Ray Garza Jr. \& Osceola \& K
Gale Boone.

Closest to the Pin: Cornelia Doctor, K.B. Campbell, Vincent Micco, Marcy Osceola James Tommie, and Virginia Billie.
Longest Drive: Mondo Tiger, Ray Garza Jr. and Shannon Rhodes.
you a short biography that will allow you to trace his life, as well as his final days in Oklahoma. I am one of his seven direct descendents and it is our mission to preserve his heritage."
Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger concluded the ceremonies by say-
ing, "It is important that we take time out ing, It is important that we take time out memory alive. They are our heritage and from them we draw strength. They have made it possible for us to be here today."
The Honor the Warrior Bowlegs Golf The Honor the Warrior Bowlegs Golf
Shoot-Out got underway with a shotgun Shoot-Out got underway with a shotgun
start at 9:30 a.m.. Divided into two man
teams, the participants played 18 holes of teams, the participants played 18 holes of golf before return


An oil on canvas painting by Carl Wimer of ABill Bowlegs and his son. The painting is
in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, in the Smith
DC.Cutline
years old and in very feeble health. Again, becoming the chief leader of the remaining of his band deep into the seclusion of the Everglades upon the departure of the Bowleg's group. Their descendants comprise the Seminole Tribe of Florida as we know it today.
The U. Sovernment immediately The U. S. Government immediately declared an end to the Seminile Wars, which lives of 3,000 soldiers. Upon his arrival in the Indian Territory, Bowlegs continued as a leader. He and his daughters became prominent land holders and slave owners in their new surroundings. A few years after establishing his people in their new homeland, Bowlegs became a major in the service of the Union
Army during the Civil War. Contacting yellow Army during the Civii War. Contaction
fever, he died on March 10, 1864.

Second Seminole War, which ended in 1842. During the peacetime that followed, Bowlegs oined six other chiefs and an interpreter on a trip to Washington, D.C. in 1852 . Arranged by to U.S. Indian Agent, the trip was designed
to power of the white people and put an end to their resistance to removal to the Indian Territory. The chiefs were given a tour of the city and Bowlegs was awarded medals by resident Millard Fillmore.
However, upon his return, he strength-
ned his resolve to never leave his homeland. ened his resolve to never leave his homeland
Despite a few skirmishes and further encroachment on Indian lands by settlers, a peace was maintained until 1856. At this time
Bowlegs and his band were provoked by Bowlegs and his band were provoked by Colo-
nel Harney's survey corps which destroyed nel Harney's survey corps which destroyed located just south of present day Immokalee When confronted, the detachment indicated that they would like to do the same thing to Bowlegs and his people.
Enraged, the Seminoles retaliated with the Third Seminole War. During the next two years, the toll on the Seminoles and U.S. government brought Chief Wildcat back from the Indian Territory in an attempt to convince Bowlegs to voluntarily relocate.
While he vowed to never surrender or leave his homeland, he recognized that the
military and settlers were determined to mintary and settlers were determined to people in Florida. Rather than face extinction, he offered them the option of relocation. In the spring of 1858, Chief Billy Bowlegs and his war-weary band of 38 warriors with 85 women and children, including his two wive
one son and five daughters, boarded the steamer Grey Cloud at Egmont Key to travel to the Indian Territory.

Sam Jones was now more than 100
memorative spurs following the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo.

## Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo Draws Competitors

mud looking like swamp monsters. Both the participants and the crowd
roared with laughter. By the end of the Immokalee SuLEE - Contestants at the a taste of the trials and tribulations of the cowboys and cowgirls who comprise the
day worker crews of day worker crews of the South Florida cat-
tle industry on Aug. 21 . Two days of heavy rainfall prior to the team events transformed the red clay are-
na into conditions very similar to na into conditions very similar to working
cattle in typical swampy pastureland. Takcattle in typical swampy pastureland. Tak-
ing matters in stride, the general consensus ing matters in stride, the general consensus
determined that it was nothing more than a normal day at the ranch and the show must go on.
As the chute door opened, the contes-
tants sped into the tants sped into the arena, slipping, sliding
and slinging mud in every direction. Bull and slinging mud in every direction. Bull
riders and steer wrestlers were catapulted riders and steer wrestlers were catapulted
head first into the ooze, then flipped over head first into the ooze, then flipped over
and slowly pulled themselves out of the


The Need More Ranch teammates and family members show off their first place buckles and com

## Fort Pierce Seminoles Honor Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.

tion's youth to do what they can to become
productive citizens on and off the football
 cheerleaders and parents cheered the Trib al Councilman on loudly and gave him a
standing ovation on the football field Rep. Osceola encouraged the organiza

## OHS Junior Varsity Football Kicks Off Season at Home, Brahmans Defeat the Clewiston Tigers



Far left bottom photo and above, Dylan Chalfant, no. 51 takes over the field playing not only defense, but offense during the first Okeechobee High School junior varsity football game Sept. 1 at the Okeechobee High School stadium. The OHS Brahmans
claimed their first win against the Clewiston Tigers, $8-2$. Photo far left top and left top Okeechobee High School junior varsity football quarterback Marshall Tommie, no. 4 eceives a play direction from his coaches. Photo left bottom, Tommie, no. 4, waits fo
the snap. - Photos by Rachel Buxton the snap. - Photos by Rachel Buxton



Vincent Micco sends his drive straight down he 12th fairway


Ronnie Doctor shares memories of Sonny Billie before taking to the links.


Ricky and Eushica Doctor hosted the seventh annua Sonny Billie Golf Tournament

## Annual Golf Tournament Honors Memory of Sonny Billie

Freelance Reporter a man and spiritual leader, he dedicated his NAPLES - Seminole Tribal members $\begin{array}{ll}\text { life to preserving the traditions and culture }\end{array}$


Sonny Billie prepares to perform a social dance in 1999 met at th
Bonita
Bay met at the
Even though Billie considered the
Bonita Bay Tamiami Trail region his permanent home, he worked for several years as a heavy
equipment operator in Homestead to sup equipment operator in Homestead to sup-
plement his income. He was a former leade of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Flor ida and a leading bundle carrier for mor The father of eight children, Billie leaves a legacy of numerous descendents to carry on the traditions that meant so much to him in his quest to preserve his heritage His son, Ricky Doctor, organized the tour nament as a memorial to his father.
Tournament play comprised a Two
Man Scramble in which both players tee Man Scramble in which both players tee of the next shot for both players, who then of the next shot for both players, who then
continue to compete. The best score between the two players is tabulated for the team per hole.
Each of the participants received a

Tournament Winners 1. Mondo Tiger \& Marcy Osceola, 2. Charlie Cypress \& K.D. Campbell, 3. Allen Huff \& Brett Green, 4. Raymond Garza, Sr. \& Vir-
ginia Billie, 5. Cicero Osceola \& Lawrence Osceola, 6 . Gale Boone \& Johnny Boone, 7 Ricky Doctor \& Raymond Garza, Jr., 8. Ron\&ie Doctor \& Trey Boone, 9. Loretta Micco \& Vincent Micco, 10. Miguel Mata \& Mabel Doctor, 11. Jeremy Bowers, 12. Cornelia Oscese \& Cindi Adair.
Tiger (2), Jeremy Bowers, Marcy O Mondo Raymond Garza, Sr., Gale Boone (2), Virginia Billie (2), Mabel Doctor (2).
Longest Drive: Allen Longest Drive: Allen Hufff, Raymond Garza, Jr., Cindi Adair, Mabel Doctor.
cooler container commemorating the even Following the tournament, player congregated at the Hampton Inn for a me
morial luncheon and distribution of awards The participants shared personal memorie of Sonny Billie and his remarkable contri of Sonny Billie and his rem
bution as a spiritual leader.

## SEMINOLES

 from page 1Shortly after the presentation, the Seminole youth rounded up together at the Lawnwood Stadium's 50 -yard line for a pre-game Seminole chant
firing up the fans in the bleachers. Rep. Osceola also announce Pierce Seminoles cheerleaders will be teceiving new uniforms this season, much to the young girls delight. sports," he said. "Never give up on anything "" Just before the Fort Pierce Seminoles 75 . team got ready to play in their season debut agains the Glades Youth Panthers team from Belle Glade, Fla., Tommie spoke on how the youth organization
focuses on its youngsters and their education. focuses on its youngsters and their education.
"We don't give up on our kids, but we talk them and give them a chance to showcase their talents," Tommie said of the players. "We may get some rambunctious kids, but we don't judge them on their past. I remember my grandmother telling
me not to quit when I was a kid. I always had that stuck in my head and it's been with me for a long
To play for the Seminoles youth football organi-
zation, each player must maintain at least point average and attend a study hall session at leas
once per week, according to Tommie. Last season, t least half of the program's 110 players registered It's something that caught the eye of Rep. Osceola, who expressed interest in sponsoring the entire program for this current season, courtesy of gram was funded by Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R gram was funded by Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R .
Tommie.
What lies ahead for the organization's future, meanwhile, is the implementation of a college scholarship fund. At least for this season, Tommie said he's looking at the possibility of five players to
earn a $\$ 250$ savings bond which will help toward arn a $\$ 250$ savings bond, which will help toward college. layers will be able to receive the aforementioned scholarship amount in the near future, courtesy of he Seminoles organization.
"It's about unity," Tommie said. "We're just here to lay down the foundation for our kids."
The Fort Pierce Seminoles 75 -, 90 and 130 -pound teams each won their season debut games, moving to a $1-0$ record as of Aug. 21. The 120 and 140 -pound teams, meanwhile, did not play in the program's season opener.
For more information on the Fort Pierce Seminoles youth organization, call Tommie at $772-519-$
2458 .


Fort Pierce Seminoles President and Tribal citizen Alexander "Head" Tommie, top left and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal 2010 season began on Aug. 21 against the Glades Youth Panther


Fort Pierce Seminoles President Alexander 'Head' Tommie, top, third from left, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B Scceola Jr., top, center and Fort Pierce Seminoles Vice President John Britt, top, second from right, announce during the pre-game


The Fort Pierce Seminoles 75 -pound team scored its first touchdown of the season in the first quarter against the Glades Youth Panthers team from Belle Glade, courtesy of a 10 -yard touchdown run by quarterback David Brown.


Fort Pierce Seminoles fans are in jubiation after their team scored its first Glades Youn of the se

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## Two EIRA Competitors Have Each Other's 'Bare' Backs As They Qualify For 2010 INFR Finals

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BIG CYPRESS - Going into the 2010 stern Indian Rodeo Association's Re gional Finals on Aug. 28, Jacoby Johns and
Freddy WarBonnet were tied for first place in the bareback category.
With 170 overall points apiece after seven EIRA events, it was clear the winner would move on to this year's Indian Nation-
al Finals Rodeo in November. al Finals Rodeo in November.
In the end, WarBonnet outlasted Johns to take home the EIRA Regional Finals and year-end bareback titles.
WarBonnet finished the final EIRA event of the season with 73 sanctionec add to his sanction point total, leaving him Though Johns finished in the runner-
up position, he will join WarBonnet as the
qualified bareback entrants for the INFR National Finals.
The INFR
Nov. 9-13 at South Pointe in Las Vegas. Johns, who has competed against Was Bonnet in the bareback for the past three years, reacted on how the bareback final turned out for him.
"I wasn't at my best physically when I fell down," the 19-year-old Brighton Tribal ontestant said of his bareback finish. "II's
the roughest and toughest event, but I find it the most exciting. Rodeo is a tough sport, so you gotta just cowboy up and bare down. It takes a lot of grit to be in it."
WarBonnet, 39, talked about his year-
win in the bareback "It took a lot of phys.
"It took a lot of physical, spiritual and gotta have all of that to be a competitor. And when you're facing the best, it make
you want to step up a lot harder", Johns, who met the Yakima Trib al contestant from Seattle, Wash., six
years ago, at the Josiah Johns Memo years ago, at the Josiah Johns Memo-
rial Rodeo in Brighton, recalls the moment WarBonnet inspired him to give it his all in the bareback.
"I remember Freddy as my mentor back then," Johns said. "He helped me learn everything I know about the
bareback and it's made me into a betbareback and it's made me into a bet-
ter competitor out on the rodeo." Johns and WarBonnet share a special bond, as the two say they
enjoy their time together behind the rodeo shoots during practices and in competitions. They root for each oth-
er's success even when they're er's success even when they're going
head-to-head against one another in a given rodeo event.
"We [got to] have fun and feel good about ourselves out there," Johns said. "You never know, people
may want to get involved just by see-


Freddy WarBonnet, left and Jacoby Johns are all smiles after they both qualified for the Indian National Rodeo Finals competition in the bareback
category. category.
ing how we ride. You gotta keep your chin
up, for better or worse ". up, for better or worse.
Despite the fact that the bareback championship came right down to the finish, WarBonnet said he's proud of how far Johns has come in the bareback throughout the years. "I was more nervous in this race than
any one I've ever been in," WarBonnet said any one I've ever been in," WarBonnet said. a good feeling around the rodeo and has a a good feeling around the
good attitude about him."

The camaraderie they share could be a determinant in how they fare in this year's National Finals. The keys to being an INFR champion, they said, are to have a display of
composure on the rodeo circuit and a sheer focus on the event at hand.
"It's gonna be a whole new rodeo in the
finals," Johns said. "We're [going to] have to put it all on the line and be [going to] have to put it all on the line and be all in.,
all of that to be a world champion."


Tribal citizens, employees and community members set out as part of the first annual 5 k Sprint/ Stroll for Recovery held at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park on Aug. 28. The 3.1-mile event was sponsored by Seminoles in Recovery with race proceeds benefitting the third annual Florida Native American

Seminoles in Recovery Sponsor First Annual 5k Sprint/Stroll at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park


Runner Norman Bowers, right, tries to maintain his pace with Cathy Cypress behind him in the last stages of the 5 k run.


Second place adult runner Jackie Thompson osceola, left, with Family Services Counselor

## Ahfachkee School's New Athletic Program Aims at Increasing Interest in Sports

BIG CYPRESS - Several years ago, an athletic program that has now become a
The Big Cypress community celebrated this milestone at the school's Open House
ceremony on Aug. 19. cerem, "W, on Aug. 19 here," Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mon-
do Tiger said. "The whole communt hind it. Hopefully, within a few years, we'll Ahfachkee School Physial
kee School."
Ahacher by Principal Walter Swan who's been tapped by Principal Walter Swan to be the athletic
program's student activities coordinator, said last year the students took a survey to see if
there was an interest in the athletic program initiative.
He said the results revealed more than half of the 160 students last year did have an Recently, the Ahfachkee School's athlet-
ic program has been approved and sanctioned
by the Florida High School Athletic Associaby the Florida High School Athletic Associa-
tion to compete in team and individual sports. to compete in team and individual sports.
Beginning with its golf and cross country program this fall, the Tribal school will be playing in several meets against other area programs. It will then continue with boys and girls basketball, followed by boys weightlifting, softball and track in the spring of the
2010-2011 academic year
"What's been requested is now here,"
Cleckler said. "Once the kids see that these programs are actually happening, I think the iterest in sports will grow here."
With the Ahfachkee School
an all-Native academic entity, it is the firstever FHSAA-sanctioned athletic program of its kind - something not taken lightly within
"We. now have a little piece of history in
Florida," Cleckler said "Being a res. Florida," Cleckler said. "Being a recognized
entity on the state level in high school athletentity on the state level in high school athlet-
ics, there's a lot to be said for that." Cleckler credits Swan for being Cleckler credits Swan for being the pri-
mary liaison between the Tribal Council and
the Ahfachkee School in this efthe Ahfachkee School in this ef-
fort. He said Swan was able to get the Tribe's support in having this initiative move forward.
"It's just the fact of M "It's just the fact of Mr.
Swan making this available to
the students" the students," Cleckler said.
"It's given them a new sense or It's given them a new sense of They now have something to In the past, Tribal and comIn the past, Tribal and com-
munity students from the Big munity students from the Big
Cypress Reservation would
have to enroll at non-Tribal have to enroll at non-Tribal
public and private schools to public and private schools to
play high school sports. The
Tribe's youngsters can now parTribe's youngsters can now par-
ticipate in athletic program they ticipate in athletic program
can truly call their own. "We're hoping that noth-
ing but good things ing but good things come out of this," Cleckler said.

## Brighton Super Seminoles Earn Another Championship

ATMORE, Ala. - The Brighton Super Seminoles softball team took home the Seminoies softbal team took home the
championship at the Native American
Youth Organization softball tournament Youth Organization softball tournament
in Atmore, Ala. July 16-18. After losing in Atmore, Ala. July 16-18. After losing
the first game to Cherokee, the Brighthe first game to Cherokee, the Bighmembers are Reina Robinson, Kirsten Doney, Jara Courson, Jessie, Osceola,
Janet Smith, Trista Osceola, Elizabeth
Johns, Cheyenne Nunez, Jaide Micco, Johns, Cheyenne Nunez, Jaide Micco,
Breanna Billie, Delaney Osceola, Darla Breanna Billie, Delaney Osceola, Darla
Cypress, Brooke Osceola, McKayla Cypress, Brooke Osceola, Maves coaches Kim Hargraves and Heather Gillis. - Rachel Buxton



The Warriors 100 team members show off their USSSA's UFC plaque after a weekend tournament held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports resort in Or lando ending in a championship title Aug. 15. Team members, front, from left: Trevor Thomas, Scott Hamilton, Jan Martinez, Javier Rosario and Seth Hamilton. Back, from left: Michael Warner, Dyami Nelson, Sean Osceola,
Dayvon Terry, Tay Williams; Back coaches, from left: Gene Thomas, MiDayvon Terry, Tay Williams; Back coaches, from left: Gene Thomas, Michael Warner and Larry Howard. - Rachel Buxton

## Seminole Warriors 10U Claim Championship Title



The Warriors 10 U travel baseball team holds up Dyami Nelson after he hits his first grand slam during the USSSA's UFC tournament Aug. 14 held at the ESPN Wid World of Sports resort in Orlando. - Rachel Buxton


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## Ahfachkee Warriors Make History as First-Ever Tribal Golf Team

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
CLEWISTON - For the first time in Native American and Seminole Tribal his-
tory, a Florida High School Athletic Association sanctioned sporting event took place at the Clewiston Golf Course on Sept. 2.
With the Ahfachkee Warriors golf tean taking its four golfers to the course against taking its four golfers to the course against
the Clewiston Tigers, a spirited matchup ensued between the two schools. Despite Ahfachkee's best efforts from
the foursome of Stevie Billie, Ryan Cythe foursome of Stevie Billie, Ryan Cy-200-252. Pratt, one of Ahfachkee's four high school golfers, said he had a phenom-
enal start to the nine-hole match. As for his last six holes?
"It all went downhill from there," Pratt
said. "I just got to work on one thing at a break par for the match, a golfer must score $\begin{array}{ll}\text { time and get better at my game." } & \text { a } 36 \text {. Pratt said his goal is to improve to at } \\ \text { Ahfachkee Warriors Head Golf Course } \\ \text { least a } 54 \text { in match play. }\end{array}$ Bruce Pratt agreed with his son's assessment of how the match went, attributing that to the entire golf team.
nents and watch them, from their opponents and watch them, so they could get
better the next time," the Ahfachkee War better the next time," the Ahfachkee War-
riors golf coach said to his golfers before the match began. "The kids want to make the efforts necessary to improve their game. They're finding out that it's a hard sport to play, but I believe you'll see a lot of im-
provement from them as the provement from them as the season goes
on."

In high school golf, teams can play up this meet, Clewiston had six entrants, while Ahfachkee brought four of their own out on
 team golf match against the Clewiston Tigers on Sept. 2.

The nine-hole The nine-hole
match featured match featured five
par-4s, two par-3s and
two par-5s at the Clewtwo par-5s at the Clew-
iston Golf Course. For example, on a par-4, a golfer must convert on
the given hole in four the given hole in four
shots to score par To shots to score par. To
earn a birdie, meanwhile, the golfer must
make the conversion in three shot attempts. A bogey means the
golfer converted the golfer converted the
hole in five shot tries, hole in five shot tries,
while a double bogey
score indicates the while a double bogey
score indicates the en-
trant making the hole trant making the hol
in six shot attempts. Throughout the
nine holes, Pratt scored nine holes, Pratt scored
a 61,25 over par. To
"I'm looking forward to getting better at this," he said. Clewiston Golf Head Coach Mike
Kemp said he sees the Ahfachkee golf program as a "real credit" for the Seminole Tribe. Though Kemp believes the Warriors may struggle a bit in its first year of opera-
tion, he said he saw some promising things with the [Ahfachkee] kids, and some really good shots from them.
"We've got some new competition out here," Kemp said. "It's a great honor for the
Seminole Tribe to put the kids out there and give them an opportunity to compete with hem other high schools in the area. Some of them are still learning the rules of the game, cores will start a betting better", for it, their Both golf coaches said the keys to improving in golf are to be honest with the the game Pratt said he was encouraged to see that from his golfers, even though they showed signs of fatigue in their loss to
Clewiston Clewiston.
Regardless of the outcome the Regardless of the outcome, the two
oaches said they like what they're seeing coaches said they like what they're seeing
from the Ahfachkee Warriors golf program from the Ahfachkee "The kids here are our future," Kemp
so said. "Just the fact that the Ahfachkee School put together a high school golf team
is a victory in itself. I think it could only get is a victory in itself. I think it could only get
better from there." The Ahfachkee
econd match of the season on Sept. 23 at the Glades Country Club and Golf. Course in LaBelle. Ahfachkee's next and final two golf meets of their inaugural year are schedaled for Oct. 4 and 14 at the Clewiston Golf -


Tribal citizen Richard Osceola, left, with former Florida State University gridiron greats Charie Ward, second from right, and William Floyd, far right, as well as film legend and FSU alum Burt
Reynolds. Osceola joined the three at the FSU Casino , ight-Foothall Kickoff Reynolds. Osceola joined the three at the FSU Casino Night-Football Kickoff Fundraiser held in West
Palm Beach Aug. 20 to raise funds for the athletic department. He presented Ward and Reynolds Paim Beach Aug. 20 to raise funds for the athletic department. He presented Ward and Reynolds
with commemorative crystal sculptures on behalf of the Tribal Board of Directors and President Richard Bowers Jr. in recognition of the Hollywood Classic Casino blackjack event.

Tribe Makes Presentation at FSU Fundraiser
 Tribal citi
Reynolds.

## Tribal Junior High Football Players Begin Their Season at American Heritage-Plantation



In the American Heritage (Plantation) Patriots first junior high football game of the season, eighth grade fullback Neko Osceola, no. 36, began the contest with a 3 -yard run on Calvary Christian's defense. That play started at Calvary Christian's 48 -yard line. Unfortunately for the two junior high teams and their fans, it would be the only play of the Sep. 7 game, as a series of thunderstorms and torrential downpours later forced the contest to end with 6:42
left in the first quarter. Neko's Tribal teammates are Andre Jumper, Blevyns Jumper and Devon Bowers.


Stevie Billie attempts to shoot for par in Ah-

yan Cypress practices a tee shot prior to the start of match play


Taylor Pratt swings off his first shot attempt on the game's fifth hole.


In a pep talk, Stevie Billie, left and Ahfachkee Head Goif Coach Bruce Pratt go over some high

Tylor Tigertail, Chebon Gooden Face Off in High School Football Season Opening Matchup

## BY NAJI Reporter

PLANTATION - The season opening matchup between the American Heritage
Plantation Patriots and the Clewiston Tigers Plantation Patriots and the Clewiston Tigers
on Sept. 3 had been on the minds of Tylor Tigertail and Chebon Gooden since the summer began.
Played
Played at Heritage Field, Patriots sophomore middle linebacker Tigertail and
Clewiston senior offensive/defensive lineClewiston senior offensive/defensive line-
man Gooden - both from Big Cypress man uoden - boach rother in what proved to be a surprisingly close game in favor of the home team.
Tigertail, who registered seven tackles in Plantation's 26-21 win against Clewis-
ton, helped anchor the Patriots defense in ton, helped anchor the Patriots defense in
this game. Gooden, meanwhile, recorded this game. Gooden, meanwhile, recorded
two tackles as a defensive lineman for the Tigers, who nearly overcame a 14-0 firstquarter deficit.
Both football players saw extensive
time on the field as the two provided a lift time on the field, as the two provided a lift
for their respective teams with their play for their respective teams with their play.
But it was something special for the But it was something special for the
friends, especially in the light that they nev--
er played against each other before - until er played against each other before - until this game.
"For a long time, Chebon said to me 'Hey, I'm gonna run you over and put you
on your back.' I did everything I can to on your back.' I did everything I can to
prove him wrong," Tigertail said. And how did Tigertail do that?


American Heritage-Plantation sophomore middle linebacker Tyler Tigertail cools off afte see the field.
on Patriots
early 7-0 lead against Clewiston. In that se-
quence, Tigertail provided some key blocks to help clear the way for McKenzie's sprint the end zone,
Plantation's lead was extended to 14-0 after running back Sony Michel scampered
his way into Clewiston's end zone for a fiveyard touchdown run later in the opening frame.
The Patriots would later have to find a way to overcome three Clewiston rushing
touchdowns later in the game - two from ouchdowns later in the game - two from
Tigers running back Virthavious Robinso in the second quarter and one from fullback Fred Washington in the fourth.
Despite Clewiston's two second quarter rushing touchdowns, American Heritage zoomed its way to a $26-14$ halftime lead
with two more scores of their own. ith two more scores of their own
Clinging to a $26-21$ lead
Clinging to a 26-21 lead late in the gaine - Washington pulled Clewiston to er - Tigertail and the Patriots defense shut down Clewiston's passing attack, as they
forced them to use all four of their downs forced them to use all four of their downs
before sealing the win. "We got a little hyped up in the second quarter and we had some nice drives, but we Clewiston Tigers team.
Regardless of the game's out-
come, Tigertail and Gooden were able to pull off a moment to remere ber in Tribal sports history. It was the first time, according to Alfonso Tigertail, Tylor Tigertail's father, that two Big Cypress high school football players played against each other in a game. "It was a good opportunity for these two young kids to show their
talents on the field" Alfonso Tigertail said of his son and and Gooden. "It was like a rivalry going on between them."
Gooden, who teammates say is a
playmaker on the Tigers line, called it playmaker on the Tigers line, called it
a fun experience.
"We we're both talking, but now
he has the bragging rights," Gooden he has the bragging rights," Gooden
said of Tylor Tigertail. said of Tylor Tigertail.
Still, the game did nothing to al-
ter their friendship.
we both played a good game for our teams," the American Heritage line-
backer said. "We're going to go back to church on Sunday mornings and love each other like we have before."


Clewiston's Chebon Gooden stretches duaring warm-ups prior to his team's road game against American Heritage-Plantation


Tylor Tigertail and Chebon Gooden.


Youth Kick Off School Year with Back to School Bike Race


Kano Puente crosses the finish line.


Yopallakilyo Osceola gets his time as he finishes.

Results
9-10 Age Division: 9-10 Age Division:
First place: Kano Puente First place:
$-25: 29$

11-12 Age Division: First place: Imillakiyo Osceola - 11:37
Second place: Jaden Second place: Jad
Puente - 14:27 Third place: Yopallakiyo Osceola - 15:07
13-14 Age Division: First place: :siain Thomas $-16: 10$


Isiah Thomas finishes without breaking a sweat.


Imillakiyo Osceola rides in taking first place.


The Brighton Recreation Department organized their first-ever Back to School Bike Race Aug. 21 The Brighton Recreation Department organized their first-ever Back to School Bike Race Aug. 21
in effort to get the youth ready to head back into the classrooms. Five male youth made the early morning 3.2-mile bike ride following the trail throughout the woods that was cleared for the 2010 Rez Rally. All five finished strong with impressive times. The Back to School Bike Race was created mirror the Thanksgiving Bike Race that is held in the fall for the Tribal adults. - Rachel Buxton


Jaden Puente snags second place.


Kidstuff defeated YDWI (You Don't Want It) team in the men's tournament 64-56.

Tribal Citizens Gather for Annual Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament


JoJo Osceola shoots freethrows for the Lady Warriors team in the women's finale at the 10th annual Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament organized Sept. 3 and 4 at the Hollywood Gym. The Lady Warriors lost to Southern Smoke with a tight score of 47-45.


The Southern Smoke team takes a group photo after winning the tournament.


Kidstuff team player Bill Osceola, number 33, fights to score in the men's finale.


Jason Billie hands out awards to the winning teams at the end of the tournament.

Immokalee Skins 2010 Golf Tournament Brings Tribal Citizens to Naples


BY JUDY WEEKS

NAPLES - The Immokalee Skins 2010 Tournament culminated a three-day weekend of golf at
the Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club on Sept. 12 . the Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club on Sept. 12 .
Tee time began at 9 a.m. with an all-Indian Tee time began at 9 a.m. with an all-Indian
Blind Man's Draw. During a pre-game introduction, Blind Man's Draw. During a pre-game introduction, plained the rules of play,
He said the term" "sins" implies that every participant plays their own ball. After turning in their scores, the competition takes a twist as play ers draw to determine who they have been "blindly"
partnered with throughout the dav. Their combined partnered with throughout the day. Their combined
effort becomes a surprising conclusion that no one
could have anticipated and the winners are decided could have anticipated and the winners are decided倍 fore entering the Immokalee Skins GOI OWmament.
by the luck of the draw. "I have an important message for my fellow Tribal members," said Lawrence Osceola. "It is time battled failing health because of diabetes, alcoholism and severe weight gain. My doctors told me that life around. Golf helped me reshape my life." "No matter how hard I tried, I always slipped back into my old habits," continued Osceola. "My counselors told me that if you find yourself in a hole, you have to stop digging. They suggested developing a hobby to stimulate my mind and body." Osceola is a walking testimony to success. earing knee braces and therapeutic stockings the game by swinging a weighted club for a befor
workout and muscle stretches. As he exercised he described his transformation from a sedimentary lifestyle in front of the television and refrigerator to lifestyle in front of the television and refrigerator to
long hours of light exercise, fresh air, good companionship and wholesome competition. When Osceola takes to the course, he gets a car-
diovascular workout, burns up unwated diovascular workout, burns up unwanted calories, helps balance his cholesterol ratio and refuses to le
his diabetes get the upper hand. "When I turned my life around, I began beating the odds," concluded Osceola. "I now have 19 years of sobriety and I want to encourage other Tribal members to take the first steps toward a healthier
lifestyle. Your life depends upon it."
The Immokalee Skins winners were. 1. Charlie

The Immokalee Skins winners were: 1. Charlie
press, 2. Marcy Osceola, 3. Brett Green, 4. Virginia Billie, 5. Raymond Garza, Sr., 6. Ricky Doctor

## EIRA Regional Finals Competition Sends Several to November's INFR Nationals

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - In the final meet the 2010 Eastern Indian Rodeo Asso ciation's season, about 50 Native rodeo entrants competed in a series of categories at
the Junior Cypress Arena. A host of winners the Junior Cypress Arena. A host of winners
emerged and qualified for November's Indian National Finals Rodeo competition ir Las Vegas.
EIRA Pre ate Preston Williams Jualified and teamyear's INFR Nationals after snagging the year-end victory in the team roping categoTribe in the calf roping event at the INFR ro-
Theminole deo meet in less than two months. Freddy WarBonnet took home the year lasting Jacoby Johns for the overall win after entering the EIRA final in a first-place tie at
170 points. Both bareback entrants qualified for the INFR National meet.
In the saddle bronc-riding category, In the saddle bronc-riding category,
Tyler Humble won this year's EIRA over-
all crown and will represent the Tribe in the INFR Finals. Meanwhile, Quinn Campbell muscled his way past the competition in the
steer wrestling category, as he advances to November's national rodeo meet. Mindy Fish took home top year-end gorys, while Carrera Gopher steered her way gory, while Carrera Gopher steered her way
to the summit, winning the EIRA's year-end championship in the lady's barrel racing event. The 2010 EIRA year-end bull-riding winner was Warren Rubio, who will vie for the INFR crown in the same category this
November. finals," "Jumper said. "Everyone had their game face on in the finals. You could tell that they all wanted to win. It was a great season to be in this competition."
The EIRA Champions Banquet is The EIRA Champions Banquet is
scheduled for Oct. 16 at the Brighton Reservation's Veterans Memorial Building, with
the INFR Nationals taking place from Nov. 9-13 at South Pointe in Las Vegas.


Tylor Tigertail, 15, attempts to catch a calf in the Jr. breakaway event.


Natgoing Seminole Rodeo Queen
Oshton Baxley leads the way in the Brighton's Taylor Johns, Teft lias Ashton Baxley leads the way in the $\begin{aligned} & \text { makes a grand entrance, with ElRA } \\ & \text { announcer Norman Edwards, look- } \\ & \text { grand march. }\end{aligned}$

righton's Kalgary Johns catches a calf in the Jr. Breakaway Roping event


The EIRA Regional Finals competitors ride in style and they circle the Big Cypress Rodeo Arena for the grand march


Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. wins the 50 and over breakaway roping category, a time of 4.3 seconds.

osh Weekly, left and Alfonso Tigertail, collaborate in the team-roping event to catch a steer in 11.6 seconds

Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament is in its 14th Year


Betty Osceola, center, mother of Randolph Clay, along with sisters Shirley Clay, left, and Laura Clay, together before action during Day 2 of the 14th annual Randolph Clay Memo
rial Pool Tournament held Aug $20-21$ at the Seminole Recreation Gym in memory of the rial Pool Tournament held Aug 20-21 at the Seminole Recreation Gym in memory of the
billiards aficionado. The event featured youth, adult and senior divisions, competing in eight and nine ball and scotch-doubles games. Winners received trophies and cash prizes.


Tony Billie takes aim at a bank shot in senior men's action.

Results
Youth Girls: Cheyenne Nunez, 2. Amya Baxley, 3. Danyelle Boromei Youth boys: 1. Neko Osceola, 2. Daniel Rodriguez 3. Colton Cypress Women's 8 -Ball: 1. Virginia Billie, 2. Phalyn Osceola, 3. Laura Clay Men's 8-Ball: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. Ildy Garcia, 3. David Cypress Women's 9-Ball: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Virginia Billie, 3. Laura Clay Men's 9 -Ball: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. David Cypress, 3. Jimmie Bert
Senior women's 8 -Ball: 1. Jane Freeman, 2. Dale Grasshopper, 3. Bess Bowlegs Senior women's 8-Ball: 1. Jane Freeman, 2. Dale Grasshopper, 3. Bess Bowle
Senior men's 8 -Ball:1. David Cypress, 2. George Grasshopper, 3. Tony Billie Senior men's 8-Ball:1. David Cypress, 2. George Grasshopper, 3. Tony Bilie
Scotch-Doubles: 1. Daniel Gopher and Phalyn Osceola, 2. Carl Yazzie and Evelyn Yazzie, 3. Tony Billie and Teonna Rock

Labor Day Skins Tournament Results 1. Mondo Tiger, 2. Cicero Osceola, 3. Jason Tommie, 4. Raymond Garza, Sr., 5. Miguel Mata, 6. Marcy Osceola, 7. Allen Huff, 8. Virginia Billie, 9. Elliot Young, 10. Gale Boone, 11. (tie) Lawrence Osceola \& 13. Ricky Doctor. Closest to the Pin: Women's Division Virginia Billie; Men's Division - Raymond Garza, Sr. \& Marcy Osceola; Senior Divi-sion- Mondo Tiger (2).
Longest Drive: Men's Division - Jason
Tommie; Senior's Division - Mondo Tiger


Seven-year-old Nariah Mata joins her grandmother, Virginia Billie at the Labor Day Gol Tournament.

Big Cypress Recreation Department Organizes Labor Day Golf Tournament

## BY JUDY WEEKS

 Freelance ReporterNAPLES - Tribal citizens, spouses, employees and Native of Sept. 6 at the Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club in Naples for an early tee time in celebration of Labo Day. The competition was strenuous keep their scores low, while their en thusiasm ran high.
Recognizing this as a family day, the younger generation was welcomed on the links.
Raymond Garza and Virginia Mata made room in their cart for their 7-year-old granddaughter, Nariah clubs, Nariah has come a long way since she took her first steps while
visiting a golf course when she was visiting a golf course when she was only 1 year old. She may be young,
but she shows a great deal of potential as she adjusts her stance on the driving range.
Fourteen-year-old Trey Boone gave the golfers a look at their future competition as he demonstrated his skills on the course. He recently
came in 35th out of 175 entries in his age category in North Carolina at the U.S./World Kids Golf Championships.


Allen Huff tees off on the 14th hole during the Labor Day Golf Tournament at Heritage Bay Country Club.

Seminole Lightning Softball Team Holds Awards Ceremony


Seminole Lightning Softball Head Coach Josh Jumper acknowledged his Tribal female athletes for showing teamwork and dedication in their first season of opera-
tion, as they finished with an 11-0 record in the City of Clewiston softball league During the Sept. 8 awards ceremony at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress, Jumper encouraged the girls to "put God first" in everything they do, on and off the softball field. "God will give you your heart's desire," Jumper said to the
softball players just before he handed out their awards "Wi're loking forward to softball players just before he handed out their awards. "We're looking forward to a
great season again next year." Right photo, Seminole Lightning Softball head Coach great season again next year." Right photo, Seminole Lightning Softbal head Coach
Josh Jumper gives a trophy to Nashoba Gonzalez. Photo above, top. from left: Ryanne Pratt, Sabre' Billie and Ahnie Jumper and from bottom left: Nashoba Gonzalez,
Katie Bert and Eyanna Billie.



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 TribuneIndian Day Celebrations Focus on Traditions, Culture and Having Fun


Sierra Bowers, left, and Shana Balentine show off their sisterhood See more as th
Day.

Miami Exhibit Shows the Tribe's Influence in the Cattle Industry


A guest reads information about the history of the Seminoles in the cattle industry.
 "[The Seminoles] are
a contemporary cul-
ture and have been ture and have been
involved in all types involved in all types
of activities, including cattle ranching. So, the more people
see their diversity in other roles they have played in history here in Florida, the better I
think it is for the Tribe think it is for the Tribe
and people to better and people to better side the Tribe." Tribal citizens
Willie Johns, Alex Willie Johns, Alex
Johns and Justin GoJohns and Justin Go-
pher all played roles in the exhibits devel-
opment. Willie Johns
 was consulted as a Tribal citizens Beulah Gopher, left, and son Justin Gopher, point out Semi-
history expert and
nole Ranching pioneer, father and grandfather John Henry Gopher history expert and $\begin{gathered}\text { nole Ranching pioneer, father and grandfather John Henry Gopher at the } \\ \text { Gopher has been an } \\ \text { unveiling of HistoryMiami's exhibit - Florida Cattle Ranching: Five }\end{gathered}$ exhibit participant. ${ }^{2}$ ries of Tradition in downtown Miami on Sept. 16 .

## good display of really

good display of our culture and was an honor to be included,
rancher Johns said.
rancher Johns said.
Seminole rodeo cowboy Gopher said he
as also pleased with the exhibit and hopes to continue the legacy his grandfather and cattle ranching pioneer John Henry Gopher
began decades earlier began decades earlier
"I felt very grateful to be a part of it all
and to be a part of the Tribe. It all has helped and to be a part of the Tribe. It all has helped
me to be where I am now," Gopher said. Show co-curator Bob Stone said Florida is the oldest state to produce cattle dating back to the 16th century with the Seminoles
playing a pivotal role along the way. playing a pivotal role along the way.
"People are continually surprised tha the Seminoles have played such a big part of cattle ranching," Stone said. "They are very important in cattle ranching today and really kept it alive during the 18th century."

Johns said the Tribe remains near the top

## Pemayetv Emahakv Inaugurates Youth into Student Council

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter
BRIGHTON - Ten students, nine
representatives and one leading chairman
were sworn into Pemayetv Emahakv,'s stu-
dent council Sept. 23 during an inauguration
ceremony held in the cafeteria.
Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian
affairs Keith Neves, the same gentleman
who does the swearing in of elected Semi-
nole Tribe Council representatives, con-
ducted the swearing in. Each student placed
his/her hand on the Bible and gave the oath.
"I saw very alive and engaged and in-
telligent kids that were truly interested in
their elected office," Neves said. "And I'm
just very grateful and pleased to have had
the opportunity to meet them and to do the
swearing in."
Students elected into Student Coun-
cil are Jrayko Billie, Elle Thomas, Destiny
Elliott, Madisyn Osceola, Conner Thomas,
Chloe Chalfant, Trevor Thomas, Tyra Bak-
er, Braceton King and Layton Thomas, the
elected chairman.
"I decided to go for chairman because I
wanted to see changes in the school," Lay-
ton Thomas said. "I want the kids to go on
educational field trips and other important
stuff like that."

mmokalee Culture Instructors Geraldine Osceola and Nancy Motlow, back row, center, with the Immokalee after-school students in the culture class.

## Immokalee Culture Department Blossoms

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter
IMMOKALEE - During the past few weeks, the Immokalee Reservation has witnessed an energized presence in its culture department.
Featuring Geraldine Osceola, Nancy Motlow and Linda Frank, Tribal citizen
and employees have noticed a spark in
he Immokalee leading ladies. Since being hired on Sept. 27 to run Immokalee's culture department, the three Immokalee
Tribal citizens have been reaching out to their community by actively teaching eminole culture and traditions. On Oct. 7, Osceola began her day
preparing for a stop to the Immokalee Pre

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## Tribal Members Use Art to Keep Culture Alive at Art Show

 Y RACHEL BUXTO
Staff Reporter
HOLLYWOOD

- The Seminole Tribe continues to immerse others into their
culture through various events and methods. culture through various events and methods.
A few native artists displayed their artwork and took the opportunity to introduce their history and culture to outsiders during the Seminole Indian Vision Art Show, held at the Okalee Village Gallery in Hollywood,
on Oct. 9 .
The gallery was sectioned off by artists and gave tourists and passersby a chance to
view the art pices one by one and see the view the art pieces one by one and see the
different methods used and the different native stories told through their work.
Tourists Seroj Zadorian and Knarik Nazaryn from California said that looking
at the artwork was almost heart wrenching at the artwork was almost heart wrenching.
Zadorian said he was brought to tears by the Zadorian s’id he was
Miccosukee Leroy Osceola said he is doing whatever he can through his artwork to keep the Native culture alive and thriving.

Leroy mainly uses acrylics on canvas to tell
whatever story pops into his head or imag whatever story pops into his head or imagi-
nation he says. "Most of them is history, stories I've
heard growing up," said Leroy. heard growing up," said Leroy.
Charlie Osceola, an artist Charlie Osceola, an artist from the Big Cypress Reservation, said he would like
outsiders to see more than just a piece of outsiders to see more than just a piece of
Native art when they look at his artwork. "We know the hallmarks of our story, but there's a lot of depressing realities," said
Charlie. "What I'm trying to get through the Charlie. "What I'm trying to get through the pieces is mainly the general feeling of the
past." Charlie focuses on the symbolic meaning of a skeleton through many of his pieces. He says that Seminole children growing up today have nothing but a skeleton to pick from when looking for their past. One of Charlie's pieces is of a young girl out in a
deserted field looking at a broken down chideserted field looking at a broken down chi-
kee symbolizing the loss of her heritage.

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Hollywood resident and art enthusiast Ed Harris stops in for a quick viewing


## CULTURE

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school. Once arriving at the facility, teacher and students immediately gravitated to her, making for a warm welcome. che-han-ta-mo," Osceola said to the eschool's 3 - and 4 -year-old class.
Meaning "How are you?" in the Mikasuki language, the class quickly responded back to the new Immokalee Culture instructor, follow-
ing almost immediately with a Play Dough alphabet building lesson
The culture session included a Halloween spider arts and crafts segment, and lasted for 30 minutes. The students were sad to see their
teacher go at the end of the class. teacher go at the end ot he class.
"Shon-a-bish [Thank you]," t out loud to Osceola as she exited. Immokalee Preschool 3 -year-old class teacher Frances Fregoso was complimentary
of how Osceola, as well as Motlow and Frank, pays attention to detail when it comes to teaching the youngsters about Seminole culture on
their level. "I'm glad they exist," Fregoso said of the
three ladies. "The kids really love them and you can see they're enthusiastic about learning their language. When Geraldine, Linda and Nancy visit our preschool kids, they're
greeted happily and with open arms. They are greeted happily and with open arms. They are
a wonderful addition to our staff here in Immokalee."
On a typical day, following an hour of time spent at the preschool, the three Immokalee culture employees go back to their of-
fice and plan for a session with the Immokale fice and plan for a session with the Immokalee
seniors at lunch. For Motlow, one of Immoseniors at lunch. For Motlow, one of Immo-
kalee's 12 seniors, this part of the day has a special place in her heart. During lunch, the Immokalee culture department visits the reservation's senior center cafeteria to cook sofkee, fry bread and other
traditional foods for the elders. The culture detraditional foods for the elders. The culture de-
partment will also work with them on sewing and arts and crafts.
"Many of the seniors haven gotten away from our culture," Motlow said. "We just want
to bring that back for them. Some of the older
seniors teach me how to make fry bread. They use different ingredients from what I'm used to using."
According to Motlow, there were pump-
kin fields out in the Immoke kin fields out in the Immokalee Seminole
camps years ago. The elders would pick fresh pumpkins from there to make pumpkin bread. "We all learn from each other with our
different ways," Mollow said. different ways," Motlow said. After lunch, Motlow goes back to her office to brainstorm with Osceola and Frank on how to prepare for the afterschool segment mokalee Tribal youngsters pay a visit to the Immokalee Culture Department for lessons in basket making, beadwork and language. The Oct. 7 afterschool culture session fea-
tured 16 Immokalee Tribal children who tured 16 Immokalee Tribal children, who were all overjoyed to learn some Seminole culture
from Motlow and Osceola. Frank, a Seminole beadwork designer and traditional foods specialist, was not able to attend that day.
"It's good to see the kids get right to their crafts as soon as they're done with their home-
work," Motlow said. "We're teaching our stuwork," Motlow said. "We're teaching our stu-
dents how to make sweet baskets right now. Our classes are pretty much full everyday." Following a recitation of the Seminole Pledge of Allegiance, the Immokalee Tribal youth take to their desks to color their Seminole flags and endeirt some beadwork. At the and their teachers come away satisfied with the progress made.
"Culture is really needed here in Immoone in the Osceola said. "When you have someSeminole culture our kids will antually our door open to where they can learn their culture and language. Pretty soon, they'll be telling me what the Seminole flag and its colors are in their language without me asking them." nator Jane Billie said she's Culture Coorditheir presence in the community "We're excited about having them on our staff," Billie said. "If they're excited about then the environment will end up being a winwin situation for everyone involved.


More photos from Pemayetv Emahakv's Student Council Inauguration


The leaders of Pemayetv Emahakv: 2010-2011 Student Council Representatives.

Seniors from the Big Cypress Reservation celebrated their monthly birthday luncheon on Sept. 29 with fire extinguishers their parting gift, courtesy of the Seminole Fire Rescue Unit.


Big Cypress Elders Minnie Ti gertail, left, and Lucille Jumper, right, placed in the top two for
the seniors' the seniors' monthly exercise
activities. With their take-home prizes, they were congratulated by Big Cypress Senior Center Site by Big Cypress Senior Center Site
Director Cecilia Guzman, center, for a job well done at their
monthly birthday luncheon on Sept. 29.
 Left photo, the youngest representative, kindergartner Jrayko Billie thanks
the school during his acceptance speech with Student Council organizer the school during his acceptance speech with Student Council organizer
Jade Braswell at his side. Photo above, third grade representative Madisyn Jade Braswell at his side. Photo above, third grade representative
Osceola gives her oath to be the best representative she can be.

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New Immokalee Culture Department Head structor Geraldine Osceola spends some quality time with 9 -month-old Arhianna Rodriguez, left, 5 -month-old Carly Garza, center and 8 -month-ol

mokalee Preschool 2-year-olds Ty Martinez, left, and Alice Jimmie, listen to a numbers lesson taught by Immokalee Culture Head Instructor Geraldine Osceola.


Geraldine Osceola, left, works with Immokalee Preschool Teacher Frances Fregoso and Geraldine Osceola, left, works with immokalee Preschool Teacher Frances

mmokalee Tribal Youngster Celia Reyno sa, 11, designs a beaded necklace with the help of Immokalee Culture Instructo

## Kxy Community

Series of Cultural Workshops in Naples Features Palmetto Baskets

BY JUDY WEEKS

Freelance Reporter
NAPLES - Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola of the Juanita Osceola Center in Naples has
orchestrated a series of workshops aimed at cultural orchestrated a series of workshops aimed at cultural she has employed instructors in an effort to create a strong linl Osceola's most recent workshop was designed to
assist in the revival of the nearly lost art of making palmetto baskets. It comprised numerous sessions over period of eight months due to the complex process o


From left, during a field trip, Connie Slavik and Jessica Osceola watch as Instructor Pedro Zepeda expla
select palmetto stems used in making baskets.
gathering, preparing and transforming the native saw becoming a lost art," said Zepeda. "By the time that
palmetto into a versatile utensil and work of art. $\quad$ came along, my great grandmother, Juanita Osceola,
On March 9 , a small class of Connie Slavik, Nao- and her sisters, were no longer making them. Although i Walden and Jessica Osceola took a field trip into she did not make them, my grandmother, Tahama mi Walden and Jessica Osceola took a field trip into
the woods to gather raw materials to be used in the long, tedious, but rewarding task of creating palmetto baskets, the way their ancestors did.
Instructor and Tribal citizen Pedro Zepeda from he Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum said, "Basket weaving is a science and art form that has developed around
the world. As cultures derived, the need for vessels or containers to carry and store items became an important part of their daily requirements. Museums have examples of these crafts that stretch over thousands
of years."
While teaching the group how to select the proper stems for harvest based on length and conforma tion, Zepeda provided his class with a brief history
of basket making by Native Americans throughout the of basket making by Native Americans throughout the
Southeastern United States. He discussed the various styles and materials used according to their availabil-
ity in each region. ty in each region.
The structure and design of palmetto baskets had
heir origin in the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek their origin in the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek culZepeda said. Their forbearers were quick to adapt the Zepeda said. Their forbearers were quick to adapt the
materials at hand to meet their needs and palmetto was a durable and readily available source. "Our people have been perfecting their skill "Our people have been perfecting their skill in basketry for centuries, but unfortunately, during the
past few generations, palmetto baskets are quickly
she did not make them, my grandmother, Tahama Osceola, was able to teach me through her reflections and careful examination of existing examples." The class quickly learned that patience is the most important ingredient in this time-consuming craft. After harvesting, the stems had to be stripped, which took many hours of trial and error. Sometimes they were accidentally cut in half, stripped too thick or
thin or nicked along the edges.
After several days of stripping, the ladies placed After several days of stripping, the ladies placed
he green palmetto out into the sun to dry. This prothe green palmetto out into the sun to dry. This pro-
cess took away the moisture of the fresh cut stems. cess took away the moisture of the fresh cut stems. The next step included careful individual washing to
remove debris and then another drying process. Finally, Zepeda assisted the women in the pains Finally, Zepeda assisted the women in the pains-
aking steps of weaving, tightening, straightening and weaving again as they created their first palmetto berry baskets.
On Oct. 5,
On Oct. 5, they wrapped and tightened the last inch of the rims and then stepped back to admire their "Mpleted projects.

Many of our elders have participated in this craft know of only two active Seminole palmetto said. "I weavers until now. As of 2010, we can add three more weavers from the Naples Community to that small list that can pro


Connie Slavik collects raw materials for processing in anticipation of weaving
traditional palmetto baskets.


Naomi Walden patiently duplicates the ask developed by her ancestors to prepar

## Native American Travel and Southern Ute Tribe Consider Partnership

Tribal Council Holds Special Meeting in Brighton $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BRIGHTON - The Tribal Council held a specia meeting Sept. 30 at the Brighto
passed 34 resolutions including:
Resolution 19: Bulk water user agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Lakeport Water Association, Inc. for the bulk sale of potable water from the Brighto
Seminole Indian Reservation Water Treatment Plant. Seminole Indian Reservation Water Treatment Plant.
tion, Inc. service agreement for housing services.
Resolution 29: Tiger II grant application by the Semi nole Tribe of Florida to the U.S. Department of Transporta tion for re-construction of Snake Road (Josie Billie Highway) in the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation
Ratification.
Resoluti
Resolution 30: Approval of agreement with Privid Eye project; Ratification of execution.
Resolution 33: Adoption of policies and procedures for
the Seminole Tribal library system the Seminole Tribal library system.
Resolution 37: Designation of Records Managemen

## Reso

Resolution 39: Ratification of the execution of lease
hedules 26 through 41 to the master lease agreement with PDS Gaming Corporation; Limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

## Tribal Board of Directors <br> Meet at Headquarters

## Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal Board of Directors convened at the Hollywood Reservation Headquarters Audito rium for a special meeting Oct.
tions on the agenda including:

Resolution 5: Approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Resolution 8: Approval of business lease between Sem-
inole Tribe of Florida Inc. and Ag Gen Consulting, LLC to inole Tribe of Florida Inc. and Ag Gen Consulting, LLC to operate the lemon citrus groves on the Big Cypress Reservation.

Resolution 9: Approval and ratification of lemon citrus crop purchase agreement between Seminole Tribe of Florida
Inc. and Orchid Island Juice Company; and assignment of Orchid Island Juice Company agreement to Ag Gen Consulting, LLC
Resolution 10: Jan.1, 2020 amendment and restatement
of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. employee health plan \#002; ratification.

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

IGNACIO, Colo. - Native American Travel and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado have begun what hopes to relationship. Prospects of a future partnership between the two
groups are on the rise after a site inspection/meet groups are on the rise after a site inspection/meet and
greet of the newly built Sky Ute Casino Resort by Karla Rivera, Native American travel coordinator.
"The Utes welcomed me with open arms, took me on a tour of their facilitities and did all that was possible
to make my stay better than I ever anticipated," Rivera to make my stay better than I ever anticipated," Rivera said.
ing."
ing."
sort grera and Barbara Cogswell, Sky Ute Casino Resort group sales and cultural coordinator, began their
relationship through joint clientele and phone calls leading to an arranged gathering of the Southern Utes owned and operated hot spot. "It looked like a good opportunity to share and establish a relationship," Cogswell said. "It is really a nice
win-win situation for both groups and opens up more win-win situation for both groups and opens up.more
avenues to work with groups not in our backyard." The 45,000 -square-foot gaming facility and four star resort is more than 6,500 feet above sea level and
opened in 2008 . The gaming facilities include slot maopened in 2008. The gaming facilities include slot machines, poker/blackjack, craps, roulette, and a 180 -sea
bingo hall. bingo hall.
Cogswell said the gaming aspect is one of the pre miere in the Four Corners region of New Mexico, Ari-
zona, Utah and Colorado. She said the resort has also become a main attraction for family reunions and senior getaways as well. Both said future plans include arranging a Tampa
seniors cultural exchange trip for 2011 and establishing


Tribal Citizen Opens Custom Car Shop

Tribal citizen and proprietor Eric Osceola stands outside his car shop, Big E. Customs, during grand opening festivities Sept. 19. The event featured local custom cars on display, food and live entertainment. Located at 5812 Dewey Street in Hollywood, the shop will offer customized car detailing, service and maintenance under the management
of Randy 'Fifty' Stuckey. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 954-391-7155.

Seminole Moments Presents Museum Exhibits in Hollywood


The entrance sign for the Sky Ute Casino and Re-


A statue of a Native Ute woman next to a bear welcomes tors at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort in Ignacio, Colo.
Native American Travel as the Ute's representative ravel company upon the bid completion of the annual
American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association Conference for 2012.
Other resort and area amenities/attractions include 40 standard and deluxe hotel rooms, five restaurants, wo gift shops, an RV park, AMF 24-lane Rolling Thunder Bowling Alley, an arcade, an indoor heated pool, the
Event Center with more than 10,000 square feet of space and 1,500 seats, a spa, an 18 -hole mini golf course, the
Chimney Rock Playground, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, the world famous Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, skiing at the Du-
rango Mountain Resort, and Mesa Verde National Park. rango Mountain Resort, and Mesa Verde National Park.
The Southern Ute Indians are among three Ute The Southern Ute Indians are among three Ute
Tribal groups mainly in the states of Utah and Colorado with Tribal lands also on the Uintah-Ouray Reservation
in northeastern Utah, and the Ute Mountain Reservain ion.
Their territory consists of land from three counties
a Plata County, Archuleta County, La Plata County, Archuleta County, and Montezuma. As the most financially prosperous Utes, the self-described
"Seminoles of the Southwest" have gambling, tourism, oil and gas, real estate leases and various other off-reservation financial and business investments contributing to their success.
The Native American Travel Agency officially
made its debut on June 1 of last year. Services include booking for hotels, cars, airlines and tours. Cash or cred it card payments are accepted and bookings can be made areas of domestic, international and cruise destinations. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through
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## Immokalee Senior Nellie Doctor Bain Shows Sense of Seminole Spirit and Peace in Life

## Staff Reporter

IMMOKALEE - Throughout her life, Nellie IMMOKALEE - Throughout her life, Nellie tranquility. Those qualities have allowed the Immovaluable life lessons.
"I guess that's the way God made me," Doctor said of her two primary traits. "I don't know what's,
me, but I feel like I have God and love all over me."

Born in 1938, Doctor began her early years at the Born in 1938, Doctor began her early years at the
Hollywood Reservation reared by her mother and father, the late Mary Osceola and Watts Billie.
Doctor spent much of her later childhood on the Big Cypress Reservation and learned the ways of Seminole culture from her parents. She was taught to make
dolls, sweet baskets and beadwork designs. She also dolls, sweet baskets and beadwork designs. She also
learned how to make sofkee and fry bread. Doctor said she attributes her sense of resolve from learning those Seminole traditions early in life came up years ago.
"When I grew up, my stepfather [Watts Billie] "When I grew up, my stepfather [Watts Billie]
accepted me as his own daughter," Doctor said. "It But one day, my mother [Mary Osceola] told me that I am a Doctor. I didn't understand why she would tell me that, but I learned then who my real father was. His With that family knowledge obtained, Doctor with a group of Tribal citizens from Big Cypress
 At her home, Immokalee Senior Nellie Doctor Bain holds
up a portrait of the late Jimmy Ray Tucker and Ricky Ray Tucker. Standing by a slew of family photos, the Immo kalee elder takes some time out to remember the spe cial times her son, Ricky and his father, Jimmy shared with her years ago.

## Youth Rally Focuses on Spiritual Growth

Left photo, Tribal youth Arianna Osceola reads spiritual hymns, as part of Youth Rally festivities at growth and unity among Tribal youth and the community and included visitors from the Big Cypress and Immokalee Reservations. Right photo, Tribal citizen Shelli Tiger sings spiritual hymns with invited guests and church members.

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and Brighton. Though Doctor never reached the high
school level, she was able to learn the ways of life in her teenage years, with her family later moving to Immokaee in the 1950s to live a arming lifestyle. "All my parents knew was to work on the fields and make sure we had something to eat everyday," Doctor said. "When we moved to Immokalee, it was swamp back then. We used to live in a chickee at a Seminole camp and pick vegetables in the fields. That's all we did."
Doctor is the
Doctor is the oldest of four children. She grew up Dogether with her brothers: Nicky Wa
Watts Dillie and Joseph Watts Billie.
Doctor's Seminole lifestyle would later trickle own into her later years, when she became a parent. icky Ray Tucker. After spending a few years in Hollywood as a maid, Doctor became a stay-at-home mother and
taught her children the Seminole traditions she learned growing up.
lot about the kids grew up, I made sure they learned Hure", Doctor said " "It's syeat that and about our cullanguage because many of the parents today don't teach their kids about the Seminole way of life." The teachings would later provide comfort to
Doctor and her family, as they were able to come together after the Immokalee pioneer suffered a stroke n 1990. Though Doctor couldn't recall much of what happened in that time, she does remember having a positive mindset, which helped her through it.
"I Can' t remember a whole lot of things anymore,"
Doctor said. "After the stroke, it felt like I had to start Doctor said. "After the stroke, it fett like that to start
all over again, like a baby. I had to learn how to walk, talk and eat all over again. But now 1 'm doing fine today. God has been with me and I thank Him for that." At 72 , Doctor is an avid walker and health afi-
cionado. She said she exercises often and eats mainly cionado. she said she exercises often and eats mainly
vegetables and fish to keep her diabetic condition under control and encourages others to do the same. "Right after I eat, I go and walk down the street," Doctor said. "I also walk on my treadmill so I could limit myself in the heat of the day. I do that to keep myself healthy."
Doctor also enjoys working in her garden, some-
ting she said provides for a tranquil moment and thing she said provides for a tranquil moment and memories of the past with her parents.
Now one of 12 seniors at the Immokalee Reservation, Doctor said she likes to use her warm personality and ability to communicate with other Tribal citizens in efforts to maintain the traditions she grew up on. to us seniors to keep it alive in our culture," Doctor said.
Doctor, who attends the newly built Immokalee Seminole Indian First Baptist Church, said she's happy with where she's at in her life right now. The Immokalee pioneer added that s
noles to feel the same way noles to feel the same way
"The good Lord is wate
Doctor said. "God is always there for us. Everyday," Doctor said. "God is always there for us. Everything
is going." to be all right. We just need to put it all in His
hands." hands."

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## Seminole Tribe Boys \& Girls Clubs Sponsors Fifth Year of Cultural Exchanges

BY ROBERT CLOUD NORTH, SR. Boys \& Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida

The 2010 Boys \& Girls Club Summer Youth pro gram celebrated its fifth year of Youth Cultural Exchanges and Wilderness Adventures, which included
three separate summer trips to expose Seminole youth three separate summer trips to expose Seminole youth
from Bio Cypress, Hollywood and from Big Cypress, Hollywood and non-resident com-
munities to other Tribes within North America. This year Seminole Youth interacted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation of Oregon, and the Ojibwe - Bkejwanong Territory of Ontario, Canada. Three separate and distinct camps were set up within the months of June and August on the Snake and
Salmon Rivers in Idaho. Salmon Rivers in Idaho.
Adventures provided opportunities for and Wilderness Adventures provided opportunities for youth and teens
to challenge themselves physically, culturally, spiritual ly and socially," said Thomas Doud, Big Cypress Boy \& Girls Clubs Manager. "Participants made new friend ships and strengthened old friendships, while building self respect and pride in who they are as Native people.'
Through the proper cultural instruction, Seminole Through the proper cultural instruction, Seminole youth were taught how to build a Umatilla tipi, throw the significance of a Umatilla sweat lodge.
For the second time in the history of the Seminole
BCG, youth, parents and staff participated in an InterBCG, youth, parents and staff participated in an Inter-
national Cultural Exchange program with members of national Cultural Exchange program with members of
the Ojibwe Tribe of the Bkejwanong Territory of Onthe Ojibwe Tribe of the Bkejwanong Territory of On-
tario, Canada. The first International Cultural Exchange took place amongst the indigenous Maori Tribes of New
Zealand and Seminole BGC in 2007. On the second day of the exchange a formal ceremony took place where introductions were made and traditional stories were exchanged. The cay ened a new partnership that was formed amongs the participant Tribes. Throughout these BGC Cultural Exchanges, Tribal
youth learn about other Native cultures, as well as their youth learn about other Native cultures, as well as their
own Seminole culture. The youth were invited to participate in several ceremonies and learn about the cus Tribal groups.
Non-resident Tribal youth citizen Ari Perlmutter
was particularly impressed with the cultural interaction. "It was good to be exposed to other Tribes and the ways that they do things [culturally]," Perlmutter said. The largest Seminole Summer BGC Cultural Ex-
change to date took place in August while navigating 28 participants, including the professional guides. One 28 participants, including the professional guides. One
of the most significant ceremonies of the trip took place
at the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. The at the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. The
group stopped at confluence of the two rivers where Toby Patrick, a Cultural Instructor of the Confederated
Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation shared sev Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation shared sev-
eral stories and explained the sacred significance of the eral stories and explained the sacred significance of the ago, at that site, all warring Tribes would lay down their weapons form peaceful relationships, out of respect for
the sacred area. Toby said these Tribes would conduct trade and share stories at the sacred site.

The participating Tribal youth were exposed to
many ancient tools of their Native Ancestry, including
the ancient art of storytelling and peaceful negotiations the ancient art of storytelling and peaceful negotiations.
When Seminole Hollywood youth participant Aaron Osceola was asked about the significance of the Culon Osceola was asked abount hes sesponded, "I don't really think...I just want to be on the river."
At the end of the summ At the end of the summer trips, a "proclamation"
was delivered to the staff of the Seminole Tribe of was delivered to the staff of the Seminole Tribe of
Florida, by the Bkejwanong Territory Youth CoordinaFlorida, by the Bkejwanong Territory Youth Coordina-
tor, Steve Tooshkenig, which read: "To all your staff and people involved: On behalf of Bkejwanong Terri-
tory we say ‘megwetch' (‘Thank you,' in Ojibwe) for tory we say 'megwetch' ('Thank you,' in Ojibwe) for
inviting us on this trip. When the Tribes meet and share inviting us on this trip. When the Tribes meet and share
stories, a powerful message is produced and the youth stories, a powerful message is produced and the youth
become the foundation for a better future. Dreams and become the foundation for a better future. Dreams and
goals can be formed and then acted upon, once the youth realize that anything is possible. The Seminole
Tribe of Florida has a powerful message just waiting to be heard through the voices of your youth. Bkejwanong Territory will always welcome your Tribe to our Nation [Ontario, Canada]. Bkejwanong means 'where the waers divide.'
Officer
fare Unit/Crime Prevention with the Seminole Police Department, also participated in the Cultural Exchange. "The Boys and Girls Club Summer River Trip/
Cultural Exchange was like no other conferencer Cultural Exchange was like no other conference or exchange I've ever been to before. It was surreal," Daza
said. "The environment and the individuals that surrounded the youth put them in a position to dream, suc-
ren rounded the youth put them in a position to dream, suc-
ceed, achieve, and learn the true meaning of respect and discipline for their elders, the earth, as well as respect
for self."
The Boys \& Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida design all of their activities and trips around tive and evidenced-based outcomes. This year's BGC Cultural Exchange included
the following participating North American Tribes: Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ojibwe (Canada), Pottawa(U.S.), Navajo, Confederated Tribes of the Unatibwe
(Canada (U.S.), Navajo, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla,
Warm Springs and Walla Walla. Prior BGC cultural exchanges have included Tribes
from the Southwest, Northwest United States from the Southwest, Northwest United States and sev
eral indigenous tribes of the Maori of New Zealand. For more information on the upcoming activities of
the Boys \& Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florda, call 954-964-5947 or visit www.seminolebgc.org

"Water Wars" - Cultural Exchange group on the Lower Salmon River of Idaho.


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If You Want to Be the Wall, Be an 'Improv' Parent

On behalf $\frac{\text { BY FRED MULLINS }}{}$ Be the Wall Taskforce
The message of Be the Wall is simple: parents are main "wall" that separates or stand between harmful There are other resources availablen.
There are other resources available to help protect ur family from these negative influences, but there d old positive parenting.
In some ways parenting is similar to theater. In the edy, or drama, depending on the age of your child. can get so confusing that you're not sure if you'
adsided on Broadway or helpless in Hollywood. adsided on Broadway or helpless in Hollywood.
There is however one critical difference: in parenting there is no script. Life sure woulc

Try as you might, no scene you envision with your child will go exactly according to plan. This is because about the element of surprise and to steal the scene from

This brings to mind a great TV show, "Whose Line eater where the actors never quite know what will be
own their way. Sounds familiar at your chickee?
The results are often hilarious and always unexTted. These professional actors make incredibly diffso talented. What you might not know is that they ve all been well trained in the rules of improv acting.
These rules allow them to access their creativity durn any scene, no matter how strange or unexpect ed, into something great. So, with that in mind, I thought
it might be a good idea to take a look at a few of these it might be a good idea to take a look at a few of thes
rules and see how they might apply to what we do ever

The Parents' Rules of Improv

1. Keep the scene moving forward by saying, "Yes and ..." rather than saying, "No!" The worst thing yo the scene. You are killing any chance of progressing to conversation. In parenting, this rule is particularly help for those times when your child is whiny or com When it's chore time and your little darling moans
位 is simply no point in negating them. They are right art all - cleaning the bathroom is unpleasant - so say "Yes I think the toilets are the worst part." There's no gauntle your child to pick up. There's no battle to fight; ther dimprov takes hard work and self-discipline. Always check your impulses and retain focus
ve demands intense focus and concentration. We

## SPD Records Manager Shares 22 Years Experience

BY LIEUTENANT JERRY MEISENHEIMER
If you've ever needed a copy of an SPD police re.
port, or have spoken with the Hollywood SPD recep port, or have spoken with the Hollywood SPD recep-
tionist, you probably came across Records Manage tionist, you probably came across Records Manage Rotton is in her 22nd year of serving the needs of 1989 as a police dispatcher. Back then, dispatcher also handled much of the record keeping for the police department.
In 1991, Rhonda was promoted to communications supervisor and coordinated the daily operations of the
communications center, which included overseeing the Hollywood and outlying reservations In 1991, SPD's central records were transferred
from the Big Cypress Reservation to Hollywood and were added to the list of duties performed by Rotton Finally, in June of 1994, she was again promoted an
named the records supervisor. Her title was recently el named the records supervisor. Her title was recently el
evated to records manager. Today, Rotton's staff consists of They keep bus filing police reports, filling requests for copies, keepin accurate records of crime statistics and submitting traf fic citations to the state. One clerk acts as the court liaison and provides
copies of reports to the State Art copies of reports to the State Attorney's office and coor
dinates the police officers' court appearances. Anothe clerk scans all the police reports into the archives.
Any police-related document has to be stored for many years before it can be shredded. These documents

Kids are masters at hooking us into arguments, and if we're not careful here, we'll end up functioning on their level of maturity. When you find yourself really wanting to lash out or throw your hands in the air, reign in your impulses. It's OK to want to go ballistic; it's just not ok
to actually go ballistic. By staying focused on how you to actually go ballistic. By staying focused on how you
want to behave, you can quiet those impulses and allow
your principles to say a few things.
3. Never enter a scene unless you are needed. Way too often, when our kids are complaining about something, we take that as our cue to jump in and fix the situ-
ation. We either set them straight and let them know just ation. We either set them straight and let them know just
how easy they have it, or we lighten their load in order how easy they have it, or we lighten their load in order
to help them out. But, just like in improv, that can kill the natural momentum of the scene.
Kids are just like us in some respects. Many times, they simply want to vent. Give them space and hang back a bit to see if they can work out the scene on their
own. The same goes for sibling arguments. Encourage own. The same goes for sibling arguments. Encourage
them to work things out without your intervention and them to work things out without your intervention and
they'll become much more self reliant in the process. 4. When in doubt, break the routine. If you find yourself in a
position
ing and nothing you've tried to keep the scene movtotally unexpected to shake things up.
If you're having the same argument about getting ressed that you've had each morning for the past two doing isn't working. So do something totally out of character. Switch roles. Let them pick out your clothes
and wear them, no matter what. Or better yet, you put and wear them, no matter what. Or better yet, you put her room. Trying something different even if it is silly - maybe especially if it is silly - is a great way to
break the monotony. After all, a good case of the giggles makes everything seem a little easier.

Some of the greatest scenes in movies come out of improvisation. Those actors who specialize in this form
make their fellow actors look better and they make it all look easy. But, just because they make it look easy doesn't mean that it is. As you can see, good improv takes hard work and self-discipline.
My experience of raising three kids during the 1980s and 1990s, along with two grandchildren in this new century has taught me that the same is true of par-
enting. So, this month, give a few of these rules a shot enting. So, this month, give a few of these rules a shot
and I think you'll have to agree with Joey Novick, comedian and improv teacher, that, "Spontaneity. Creativity. Increased intelligence. Emotional connections. Being in the moment. It is impossible for all these things not to be there when improvising."
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The Big Cypress Be the Wall Task Force is dedicated to empowering parents and caregivers of our Tribal youth, to reject harmful substances by increasing education, motivation, collaboration and awareness. For more information, e-mail Fred Mullins at fredmullins@semtribe.com

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you and make Halloween a safe, memorable and fun


## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## Dry Weather Season Here, but Storms Still Possible

BY CARL FOWLER
Management Coordinator
Brighton, Fort Pierce \& Tampa Reservations
The dry weather season began 13 days ahead of schedule this year, officially starting on Oct. 4 accord-
ing to the Miami office of the National Weather Service ng to the Miami office of the National Weather Servic
(NWS). Along with the lower humidity and cooler tem peratures that make fall and winter actually enjoyable here, we're also in the second half of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which ends Nov. 30. But that doesn't mean we can forget about the possibility of a tropica storm or hurricane coming our way

Statistically, our chances of getting struck by one of these storms wit as I mentioned in last month's column over the years there have been numerous late season storms that occurred during the last few weeks of hurricane season. These include Hurricane Wilma in 2005 Hurricane Michelle in 2001, and Hurricane Irene in
1999. All of them caused serious problems with eithei hurricane or tropical storm conditions. cal storm conditions. hurricane season, we can still get hit by a tropical storm or hurricane? As I noted, the dry season brings coole air with less humidity and less rain. That's due to the presence of frontal systems that form to our south in
the Caribbean, pushing drier air up into Florida as they the Cariobean, pushing drier air up into Florida as they
move north. But sometimes these fronts stall, and when they do, there is the potential for tropical cyclones to develop on their ends. These cyclones, which often begin as a tropical depression, can grow into a tropical
storm or even hurricane and then push up into Florida. In the past, these storms have caused serious damage and extensive flooding throughout our commuitis.
eak windstorm as far as hurricanes go, but very de-
structive in terms of flood damage
The good news is that while these fronts will affect us on a regular basis between now and April, the potenial for them to help spawn tropical systems diminishes
as we head toward Nov. 30. The risk for flooding de we head toward Nov. 30 . The risk for flooding also decreases because there's less rain. Rainfall totals in a
typical South Florida dry season average 12-21 inches spread over the coastal and interior sections. But with for of these positive things, we still need to be prepared
for ane of tropical system - whether it's a tropical wave, tropical depression, tropical storm or hurricane -
hrough the end of November hrough the end of November.
By the way, as we say goodbye to the rainy season,
how "wet" was it? Not really that wet, according to the how "wet" was it? Not really that wet, according to the
NWS. This year it lasted 141 days, slightly shorter than the average of 153 days. The coastal communities of
South Florida averaged around 40 inches total, while he interior and western parts of South Florida got a litle less - around 31 inches. Lake Okeechobee levels actually fell from a peak of almost 15 feet
The Department of Emergency Management always available to assist with information. The 2010
All Hazard Guide is still available and contains helpful data. Please visit the Department of Emergency Man-
gement website at httr://www stofemd online version of the Guide and additional information Or call any of the offices in Hollywood (954-966-6300 ext. 11773), Big Cypress (863-983-2150, ext. 12740) or Brighton (863-357-7620, ext. 15805).
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submits it electronically for approval. Once approved by a supervisor, the report is forwarded to the Records Department. Rotton was instrumental in setting up the
standards and working out the problems of this records management system.
At home, Rotton enjoys spending time with her husband of 21 years, Peter, who owns a commercial electrical company. They have two boxers, Prince Joxer lywood for 42 years. ywood for 42 years.
She loves the going to the beach, and bike riding. She also stays in shape playing racquet ball and basketball. The Seminole Police Department is privileged to
have professional long-time employees such as Rotton.
tions. All litigation paper-
work is provided to the work is provided to the
Seminole Tribe's legal
department for review. The records staff has to policy and procedure. Along with the daily
record keeping, Rotton has been one of the key
players in setting up a players in setting up a completely new computer A computer-aided
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Big Cypress Education Department Hosts Open House
$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$ Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The Big Cypress House event for the Tribal students and thei parents on Oct. 5, at the Family Investmen
Center.
Tribal families took the time to learn about the host of educational features offered
to them. Courtesy of the Education, Culture to them. Courtesy of the Education, Culture
and Library departments, the staff gave the youngsters a tour of the Willie Frank Library and of the Learning Resource Center.
Sam Tommie, the father of 2010-2011 Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Lorelei Tommie,
said he felt comfortable seeing the staff at said he felt comfortable seeing the staff a
the function, making for a worthwhile exthe function, making for a worthwhile ex-
perience.
"We have a great support system here,' Tommie said. "[The staff] show you tha they care about our students and their jobs
I hope our kids appreciate their culture and language the Tribe has to offer them." Johns said the oden house was geared to ward showing the Tribal youngsters anc their parents that the departments will do ev erything they can to help them become successful in their education. said. "The students have gotten acclimated to the school year," Johns said. "They've been in school for four, five weeks now. We're here
to offer our students and parents all the information and supplies to
they need to succeed academically, whether it be tutoring, books, higher education or employee training. Lorelei Tommie, a sophomore at the American Heritage School in Plantation, said the open house is "a good way of presenting al the different opportunities" that are available to Tribal citizens, a:
far as education is concerned.


Lorelei Tommie and her father, S


Big Cypress Tribal citizen and parent Mariann Billie, second from left, accompanies Rylen Billie, 3 , Mahala Billie, $\mathbf{7}$, Destiny Cypress, 9 and Thomlynn Billie, 10, to the Learning Resource Center, to pick


Shana Balentine, center, and Sierra Bowers grab notebooks, a bag of Eugene, left, as they learn about the features of the Big Cypress Education Department
"[The Open House] has opened my eyes to all the privileges I more involved in my education."
About 60 Tribal youngsters and adults received notebooks, hool supplies and an array of prizes.
Traditional foods, such as fry bread, pumpkin bread and sofkee, Department. It was part of the dinner course made available to the Department. It was part of the dinner course made available to the
participants, as they were treated to a catered meal by Char-Hut.


Pemayetv Emahakv students look through hundreds of books at their first book fair of the school
Pemayetv Emahakv Promotes Literacy

BRIGHTON -Students of Pemayetv
Sixty percent of the money collected will go
Emahakv enjoyed their first book fair of the

back to the school to help purchase books | school year Oct. 4-8. |
| :--- |
| With the theme of superheroes, students $\begin{array}{l}\text { for the Brighton Library. } \\ \text { The school is looking to hold a second }\end{array}$ | With the theme of superheroes, students

came and went from the classroom filled
with books, spending more than $\$ 8,000$ came and went from the classroom filled
with books, spending more than $\$ 8,000$ fair in the spring.
-Rachel Buxton


Deliah Carillo browses through books during Pemayetv Emahakv's book fair.

## Spirit Week at Ahfachkee School Shows Off Seminole Traditions



Students and staff from the Ahfachkee School bow their heads for a word of prayer at the conclusion of the See You at the Pole function on Sept. 22. According to www.syatp.com, See You at the Pole (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students
of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture reading and hymn singing, during the early mornor gathering, according to the website, began in 1990 as a vision from a group of teenagers in Burelson, Texas.



As part of the Ahfachkee School's Spirit Week festivities, Ah fachkee School Culture Teacher Mary Jene Koenes, cent tells students a story about a deceiving rabbit.


Ahfachkee teacher Mr. Dominique Troadec pays a surprise visit to Mrs. Huckabee's kindergarten class on Sepl. 2 , as
wears a Seminole skirt in honor of Show and Tell/Swap Day wears a Seminole skirr in honor of Show and Tell/Swap Day
an event part of the Tribal school's Spirit Week activities. The
kindergarten students kindergarten students embrace Troadec for his outward support of Seminole culture


Ahfachkee's Alisa Brooks shows Mrs. Statira Huckabee and by her grandmother during a show and Tell session as part by her grand
the school's Spirit We

## Students Dress to the Nines for Traditional Dress Competition



Sixth grade boys, from left: Drayton Billie, Erik Garcia and Ruben Burgess.


The third grade boys show off their patchwork.

BRIGHTON - Boys bers of the Seminole Police and girls of Pemayetv Ema- and Fire Rescue Departments
hakv Charter School dressed were on hand to judge the fine in their very best Seminole clothing as students took turns
capes, skirts, shirts and jackets by grades showing off their capes, skirts, shirts and jackets by grades showing off their
for the school's annual traditional dress competition held $\quad$-Rachel Buxton Sept. 23 in the cafeteria. Mem-


The second grade boys line up for the judges.


The first grade girls show off their fashionable Seminole attire.


The sixth grade winner, from left, Raylon Eagle, Deliah Carillo and Syd- From left, Kalgary Johns, Keyana Nelson and Tyra Baker clad in traditional patchwork and capes. nee Cypress.

Pemayetv Emahaky Tradition Dress Contest Winners

## Kindergarten Girls

 GirlsMakya King 1. Makya King 3. Melina Steve

Boys

1. Jrayko Billie 1. Jrayko Billie 2. Dwayne Billie
2. lan Tommie

First Grade

1. Karlyne Urbina 2. Leilani Burton 3. Jahcole Arnold

Boys

1. Kobe Jimmie
2. Caleb Burton
3. Jaytron Baker

Second Grade
Girls 1. Caylie Huff 2. Melinda Gentry 3. Aubee Billie

Boys

1. Jahbahn Arnold 3. Tanner Shore



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## Seminole Pathways Begins Second Year of Morning Fitness Walk

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
Staff Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - The second year of the BIG Pathways walking program of the in the morning hours of Oct. 5 at the Big Cypress Fitness Trail. As Big Cypress Tribal citizen Marilyn Jumper prepared to walk and run three laps
around the fitness trail, she briefly talked around the fitness trail, she briefly talked
about her exercise. "I want to keep myself in shape," Jumper
aboure
"It's a said. "It's a good time to work out here. Ex--
ercising is something I love to do every day." While Jumper was walking two laps,
later running the last one, fellow Big Cypress

Seminole Pathways II Schedule Senior Trike Fest - Thursday, Nov. 4 at Big Cypress Aviation Hangar Mini Triathlon - Saturday, Nov. 6 at Brighton Recreation Center DM Foundation Walk - Saturday, Nov. 13 in Tampa Turkey Trot - Wednesday, Nov. 17 at Big Cypress Canal Walkway Thanksgiving Week Bike Race - Saturday, Nov. 20 at Brighton Recreation Foundation Heart Waik - Saturday, Dec. 11 in Lee County
Health Department Weight Loss Program - January 2011 at Big Cypress Wellness Trailer
11th Annual Rez Rally - Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 at Immokalee Reservation Pedometer Contest - January 2011 at Big Cypress Wellness Trailer Triathlon Relay - March 2011 at Brighton Recreation March of Dimes Walk - Saturday, March 5 in Okeechobee
Broward County Heart Walk - Saturday, March 12 at Nova University


Alice M. Billie signs up for the Seminole Pathways II walking series.


Big Cypress Tribal citizen Marilyn Jumper takes a jog along the
fitness trail fitness trail.

Tribal citizen Alice M. Billie was heading to-
ward the trail. She walked the fitness trail for ward he trail. She wadked the fitness trail for
three laps before heading to work at the Family Investment Center that morning.
Meanwhile, Beverly Alumbaugh took to the fitness trail for a different reason. Alum-
baugh, a diabetic, said this walk was imp baugh, a diabetic, said this walk was imporcontrol her condition and it could ultimately get others to join her in the Seminole Pathways walks. before it started" me about this a few days hole Pathways "I Alumbaugh said of Semienough to get in on this walk. I feel really good about myself and in my bow
right now." Alumbaugh said she plans on trail at least three days per week as a way to maintain
her weight and her weight and baugh was a visible force on the trail, Big Cypress
Tribal elder Violet Tribal eolder volet her
Jim conducted her three-lap walk at
about 6:30 a.m., an
hour before the rest of the Tribal participants.
All of these happenings impressed Seminole All of these happenings impressed Seminole
Pathway Coordinator and Big Cypress Tribal
elder Edna McDuffie. elder Edna McDuffie. forward with our health program," McDuffie said. "We want to have more people to come out to our weekly walks. But for now, I was happy with the turnout we had here. They
enjoyed the nice weather and took advantage enjoyed the nice weather and took advantage
of the opportunity that was made available to of the opportunity that was made available to
them." them." Seminole Pathways, which launched last September, is geared toward giving Tribal citizens a chance to walk their way toward a
healthy lifestyle. With Tribal citizens getting healthy lifestyle. With Tribal citizens getting
their blood pressure and weight checked on their blood pressure and weight checked on
a regular basis, it gives them an incentive to enjoy the 12 -week walk season. Weekly walks will be held at all of the Tribe's reservations, McDuffie said.
Seminole Pathways II actually began on Sept. 27, when Tribal citizens walked about
thre miles down the three miles down the Big Cypress Canal walk-
way on Indian Day. The walk season ends on way on Indian Day. The watk season ends on sity, for the Broward County Heart Walk. According to McDuffie, a variety of priz es will be awarded through the program for points earned and winners will be announced
at next spring's Seminole Pathways II awards ceremony.
For mo
For more information, call McDuffie at
$863-983-5798$.


Six Tribal citizens from Big Cypress participated in the first walk of the Seminole Pathways second season on Oct. 5. From left: Beverly Alumbaugh, Edna McDuffie,
Alice M. Billie, Marilyn Jumper and Janice 0 sceola. Big Cypress Tribal elder Violet Alice M. Billie, Marilyn Jumper and Janice Osceola. Big Cypress Tribal elder Viole
Jim is not pictured, as she concluded her mile walk before the rest began theirs.


Beverly Alumbaugh, left, and Edna McDuffie walk on the Big Cypress Fitness Trail Oct. 5. lumbaugh goes around the trail for three laps, while McDuffie walks for a total of nine laps the equivalent of three miles.


Big Cypress Tribal citizen Alice M. Billie walks three laps, which equals 1 mile.


Seminole Pathways Coordinator Edna Tribal citizen Beverly Alumbaugh.

Big Cypress Preschoolers Team Up with Seminole Fitness for Get Fit Day


Seminole Fitness Trainer Liz Pickering, left, guides Thelma Tigertail, 1 and William Bevenue, 2, through the roller relay race course at Get Fit Day on Oct. 15


Laylah Billie, 3, navigates her way out of the tunnel, while Louis Billie, 3 , jumps over hula hoops.


Seminole Fitness Trainer Gina Allardyce and 1-year-old McKinley Turtle work on their quadriceps and hamstrings on the roller relay race course. The preschool youngsters participate in four stations at the Oct. 15 event, held at the
Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium: the Tunnel Tube, the Circuit (featuring hula hoops, a road map, tunnels and cones), the Castle Tunnel and the Roller Relay Race Course.

## What Is Red Ribbon Week?

BY ERIC BRICKER Family Services Department In 1985, the National Family Partnership sponsored the first Red Ribbon Week, Enrique Camarena.
Agent Camarena was killed in the line
of duty while trying to keep drugs off of duty while trying to keep drugs off of our
streets and out of the hands of our children. streets and out of the hands of our children.
Since that time, the Red Ribbon campaign Since that time, the Red Ribbon campaign
was dedicated to Special Agent Camarena to keep his memory alive by committing one week every year to drug abuse prevention. Through the Tribe's various youth prevention programs, Red Ribbon Week is ob-
served on each of the reservations through various community activities. The National Family Partnership has the official Red Rib. bon week occurring from Oct. 23 through free to schedule All Tribal organization are The 2010 theme the "I activities at any time Who is Enrique Camarena?

According to the National Family Partnership, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent 1085. Camartured and killed in Mexico in college, served in the Maris way through a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, hi U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, hi
mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm onl
one person," he told her, "but I want to make According to the DEA website, Carmarena's efforts resulted in the seizure of a major drug processing plant and distribution ping and murder of Camarena was allegedly an act of vengeance by the cartels whose operations were disrupted.

The tradition of wearing red ribbons was started in Camarena's hometown of
Calexico, California after Camarena's death. The National Family Partnership became involved shortly after.
80 million people particina , approximately events every year

Health Department, Library Host Nutrition Workshop with the Tribal youth ways to choose healthy foods for breakfast. The group was encouraged to eat foods high in fiber, low in sugar and high in vitamins and minerals. Kimberlain advises to check the food labels for the aforementioned items owing that was a game of Healthy Hurdles, which showed the youth how to properly choose a malanced breakfast mea

On Sept. 15, the Seminole Health Department and the Big Cypress Library staff organized a nutrition workshop for the Big Cypress Tribal youngsters at the Family Investment Center. Youth Health Specialist Amy Kimberlain, center, discussed



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## Announcements

2010 Native Women \& Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition
2010 Native Women \& Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition
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## DEADLINE: J:DO PM (MST) VOVEMIBER 5, 2010

Tho Is Eligible? Young Native American Women \& Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2010. Graduates of May-August 2010 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe.
Winners \& Prizes: Three (3) finalists will be announced the second week of November 2010 \& provided an all-expense paid trip (including one (1) chaperone) to the 2010 Intertribal Agriculture Council \& dian Nations Conservation Alliance annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 6-10, 2010. Finalist ill be awarded several other special prizes presented at the Awards Luncheon \& will serve as mbassadors in 2010/2011. Each finalist is required to read a short introduction and an abstract of their essay at the Awards Luncheon.

Guidelines:
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## Sports

## Indian Day Golf Tournament Takes Off at Grande Oaks



The 'Seminole Pride' gymnastics team shows off their fifth place team championship trophy at the 2010 Penguin Invite held at the Park Avenue Gym in Cooper City on Sept. 25. The seven competitors participated and placed in four events including floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam and vault.

## ‘Seminole Pride’ Gymnasts Place at Penguin Invite



Valholly Frank on the uneven bars.


Caitlyn Cypress in the floor routine


Loretta Micco prepares to shoot.


Steve Osceola made a hole in one, at hole no. 11, par 3, 142 yards, with his no. 8 iron club, at the Indian Day Golf Tournament held Oct. 7 at Grande Oaks Golf Club
in Davie. Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. praised Steve's hit and called him an "ace."


## Charter School Girls Volleyball Team Adds One More Win to Season Record

BRIGHTON - The Pemayetv Emahakv volleyball Seminoles added one more win to their overall record Oct. 11 as they dominated
against Glades West during their match up in the Brighton gym. The girls volleyball team started off strong in the first game winning 25-14. Glades West fought back during a nail-biting second game tying the match-up with a $25-22$ win. The Seminoles didn't back down however. Breanna Billie served 10 winning service points
helping the Seminoles capture the third game and taking the match. helping the Seminoles capture the third game and taking the match.
The Seminoles' win against Glades West gives them an 8-2-season The Seminoles' win against Glades West gives them an 8-2-season
record. record.
$\quad$-Rachel Buxton


The Seminoles work together to keep the ball alive


Kailin Brown runs to save the ball.


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Big Cypress Tribal Youth Attend NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition


Big Cypress Recreation Department Aide Carlton Banks, left, Big Cypress Recreation Coordinator Eddie Redd, second from left, Roderick Bert, 11, second from right, and Kylen Jumper, 8, stretch before the two Tribal
youngsters go out on the Big Cypress softball field to show off their footyoungsters go out on the Big Cypress sotbanif field on show
ball skills at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick function on Oct. 2.


Big Cypress Recreation Coordinator Eddie Redd, left, watches Kylien Jumper, 8, throw a pass at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick function on Oct. 2 .
Jumper's throw went 23 feet in the air, with his combined punt, pass and Jumper's throw went 23 feet in the air, with his combined punt, pass and
kick total to later be recorded at 39 '1"- good enough for the sectional NFL Kickt, Pass and Kick competition, held Oct. 16 in Miami, with the Miami
Polphins being the NFL team representative. Dolphins being the NFL team representative.
 ert's combined punt, pass and kick total measures up at $155^{\prime} 8.5^{\prime \prime}$


Roderick Bert punts the football at NFL Punt, Pass and Kick event in Big Cypress on Oct. 2. His punt is good for $22^{\prime} 8.5^{\prime}$.


Brothers Roderick Bert and Kylen Jumper move on to the NFL Punt, Pass
and Kick sectionals. Jumper said the event reminded him of flag foothal and Kick sectionals. Jumper said the event reminded him of flag football,
but less kids. "This is the first time l've done something like it," he said but less kids. "This is the first time l've done something like it," he said.
"It was a good experience for me and my brother. We had a good exercise "It was a go
out there."


The families of Cameron Osceola, Raini Osceola and Alonzo Wargolet come out to show their support The families of Cameron Osceola, Raini Osceola and Alonzo Wargolet come out to show their support
and love to the three Tribal athletes in the Sept. 15 home game against Ransom Everglades. They are
in jubilation after pulling away with a $28-12$ win over their opponent.

## Tribal Youth Play Football for

 American Heritage Patriots

American Heritage-Plantation sixth grader Raini Osceola cheers on for the Patriots football team in its S
glades.

## Marcella Green Golf Tournament Remembers Cherished Tribal Citizen



Leah Mayersohn, a friend of the Green family, Marcella and Bob Green's grandchildren Chesney Bowers and Quannah Bowers, and Marcella's widower Bob Green


Byron Osceola, 6 years old, proves that children can be pros too.
"Every year I try to play in as many [tournaments] as I can, it's a good thing to get together and remember them." "Marcella Green was an athlete, a fine Tribal member and mother. [This tournament] is a reflection of her. The women are the strength of the Tribe; her lessons have carried on in the life of her children, so she still lives."
— Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.

Marcella Green Memorial Golf Closest to pin winners Tournament Results

First place: Team 58: Elliot Young; Jeremy Harrison; Mark Steve Osceola and Curtis Allen Osceola Second place: Team 61: Ronnie Doctor; Mabel Doctor; James Third place: Team 64: Ray Garza Sr.; Virginia Billie and Josh Harrison.
Fourth place: Team 64: Max Osceola, Jr.; Lawrence Osceol Ken Camp
ney. ney. Flith place: Team 65: Pete Russo; Ernest F. Riley; Jay Maxwell and David Anderson.

Hole \# 3: Pete Russo (Sr. men); David Hickey (Men); Destiny Whitney (women) Hole \#5: Fred Hopkins (Sr. men); Jeremy Harrison (men); Destiny Whitney (women) Hole \#11: Pete Russo (Sr. men); Elliot Young (men) Hole \#14: Lawrence Osceola (Sr. Men); Brett Green (men); Virginia
Billie (women) Billie (women)

## Longest Drive

Ernest Riley (Sr. men) Fred Hager (men)
Destiny Whitney (women)


Green and Bowers are Marcella Green's sons, who have participated in each tournament in the memory of their mothers. Green, Tribal citizen from the Hollywood Reservation,
said, "We play every year in the golf tournament [Our motherl enioyed playing golf She said, "We play every year in the golf tournament. [Our mother] enjoyed playing golf. She
started playing toward the last years. We used to play as a family, so now we want to started playing toward the last years. We used to play as a family, so now we want to
keep the tradition going in her memory."


From left, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Destiny Whitney, Ken Campbell and Lawrence Osceola participate in the Marcella Green Memorial Golf Tounament Oct. 9 at Hillcrest Golf Course and Country Club in Hollywood.


From left, Marcellus Osceola Jr., Brett Green, Jeremy Bowers and Jackie Thompson.
From left Madina Loochkartt??


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Fort Pierce Honors Native Americans with Indian Day Celebration


Mallorie Thomas holds on for eight seconds on the mechanical bull ride. The Fort Pierce comSept. 17 in Fort Pierce. They carried their celebration through Sept. 18 at the Chupco Ranch with carnival rides, face painting, clothing contests and traditional competitions including pole peeling, horse shoes and axe throwing. -Rachel Buxton


Edgerrin Billie, left, and Redheart Billie carve soap during the carving demonstraEdger
tion.


Sisters Leeonna Bichardo, left, and Jezzel BichSisters Leeonna Bichardo, th, awings at the Fort
ardo from Hollywood enjoy the swe Pierce Indian Day


Byron Billie tries his luck at axe throwing.

Brighton Comes Together As a Family for Indian Day Celebration

Even with several other events going on, the Brighon community still came together to celebrate Indian Day as a family with oun and friendy competition
Oct. 15-16. The night of 0 ct. 15 guests from other Tribal reservations joined Brighton residents for the clothing contest held in the gym. Everyone dressed
in traditional attire representing their late ancesin traditional attire representing their late ances-
tors. The next day the real competition began with field events for the kids and horseshoes and archery for the adults. The seniors and children cheered for their turtle during the infamous Indian Day turtle races. Friends and family enjoyed a dinner and fel-
lowship following the day's events. Right photo, the lowship following the day's events. Right photo, the
ladies showed off their traditional attire, meaning no designs just stripes. -Rachel Buxton



Billie Micco enjoys a friendly horseshoe competition.

races.


Deagen Osceola shows that boys can throw skillets too.


Brighton young ladies model for the judges.


The little ones dressed to the nines for the traditional clothing contest.


Daniel "Boogie" Nunez takes first place in the pool tournament held in conjunction with the Fort Piece Indian Day celebration.

## Sixth Annual Indian Days Entertains Tribal Citizens at Okalee Village



Alligator wrestler James Holt performs one of several stunts for guests, as part of the sixth annual Indian Day event held at the Oaklee Village in Hollywood Sept. 24-25.


Tribal citizen and hip-hop artist Stephen Billie entertains guests during Storyteller Gordon "Ollie" Wareham narrates traditional Seminole tales.


7-8 years old - Female: 1. Shana Balentine; 7-8 years old - Male: 1. Lee Onco, 2. Richard
Billie Jr., 3 . Willie Smith; $9-11$ years old Billie Jr., 3. Willie Smith; 9-11 years old -
Female: 1 . Mazzy Robbins, 2. Katrina Huggins, Female: 1. Mazzzy Robbins, 2. Katrina Huggins
3. Crystal Garcia; $9-11$ years old - Male: 1 . Chaska Osceola, 2. Corbin Billie, 3. Reginald Cypress; $12-14$ years old - Female: 1. Nia
Cypress; $12-14$ years old - Male: 1 Tyrus BilCypress; $12-14$ years old - Male: 1. Tyrus Bil-
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old: 1 . Stevie Billie/Jason Melton, 2. Bradley Osceola, 3. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh; 18-25 years old: 1. Rowdy Osceola, 2. Ronnie Billie Jr.; 3654 years old: 1. Charlie Cypress; 55-64 years old: 1. Joe Frank.
Axe Throwing Contest
15-17 years old: 1. Ryan Cypress; 18-25 years old: 1 . Rowdy 0 s
Charlie Cypress.

Canoe Races
13-17 years old: 1. Caitlin Cypress/Aileen Cypress, . Darwin Cypress/wiliam Korliss
Jumper; Adults: 1 . Julius Billie/Nathan Billie, Wesley Garcia/Clifton Billie, 3. Charlie Cypress Ryan Cypress.

Crafts Contest
6-8 years old: 1. Shana Balentine; 9-12 years old: 1. Janessa Jones, 2. Thomlynn Billie; 13lie, 3 . Sierra Bowers; 26 -35 years old: 1 . Alice M. Billie; $36-54$ years old: 1. Brenda Tommie, 2. Carolyn Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Sadie T. Cypress.

Fry Bread Cooking Contest
Youth - Female: 1. Nia Cypress, 2. Caitlin CyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Derick Toho - Male: 1. Ricky Joe Allumbaugh, 2. Derick Toho, 3. Thomlynn 2. Janice Osceola, 3. Brenda Tommie; Adult Male: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Wovoka Tommie Log Peeling Contest
Log Peeling Contest
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Tommie; $36-54$ years old - Male: 1 Charlie Tommie; $36-54$ years old - Male: 1 Charlie
Cypress, 2 Clifton Billie; $55-64$ years old: 1 . Mike Cypress, 2. Joe Frank; 65 years old and
up: 1. Junior Billie.


Big Cypress Tribal youngsters have some fun at Indian Day.

## Naples Community Gets Together for Indian Day



Right, teaching a class of all ages in the Naples Community, Tammie Billie said, "Frybread, lapali and sofkee were an important part of the daily diet of
the Seminole people, who often depended upon these staples for survival. They grew and prepared the corn, traded for wheat flour, whenever possible, or made their own flour from the coontie roots."


Demonstrating the skill of gigging fish to the Naples Community, Corey Billie said, "Our forefathers would stand as still as a pond bird and patiently wait for their
target to swim past. With speed and accuracy they target to swim past. With speed and accuracy they
speared their catch and then returned with it to the speared their catch and then returned with it to the
camp for cleaning and cooking. Tools like this often camp for cleaning and cooking. Tools like this often
stood between a full belly and the rumbling of an emp-
ty stomach."


Left photo, celebrating Indian Day, Naples
Community members wade through the Community members wade through the
crystal clear waters rushing out of the crystal clear waters rushing out of the
cypress swamp while on a fish gigging expedition with their instructor, Corey Billie. Clockwise, Solomon Veliz, Samantha
Veliz, Marissa Osceola, Kennedy Huggins Veliz, Marissa Osceola, Kennedy Huggins
and Jessica Osceola. Right photo, the campfire grill was laden with Seminole specialties as Karie Jo Osceola-Lugo re-
trieved a batch of fried chicken from the trieved a batch of fried chicken from the skillet to add to the Indian Day menu that
included ribs, fried deer, garfish, rice with included ribs, fried deer, garrish, rice with
tomato gravy, fried bananas, beans, corn, tomato gravy, fried bananas, beans, corn,
sofkee, a fresh vegetable salad and fruit.


Big Cypress Community Participates in Indian Day Festivities


Elijiah Billie, left, and Thomlynn Billie take the top two places in the Traditional Girls Clothing Contest for the 9-to-11-year-old category.


Joe Osceola Sr. wins the Super Seniors Men's Traditional Clothing Contest.

Canoe race coordinator Lenny Jim, left, clocks the time for the team of adult winners Julius Billie, in front, and Nathan Billie.

Family Division Clothing Contest
Family Division

1. Virginia Garcia-Sanders, 2. Thomas M. A. Billie,
2. Melissa Billie3. Melissa Billie.

Traditional - Female
$0-1$ year old: No entries; 2-4 years old: 1 . $0-1$ year old: No entries; 2-4 years old: 1 .
Sarafina Billie, 2. Mayli Tommie; $5-8$ years old: 1. Harmony Cypress, 2. Micah Stockton, 3 .
Hellie, Hayzen Balentine; $9-11$ years old: 1 . Eliza Billie, 2. Thomlynn Billie; 12-17 years old: No entries;
18-25 years old: 1 . JoJo Osceola, 2 . Jaunalupe 18-25 years old: 1 . JoJo 0sceola, 2. Jaunalupe
Nina Frias; $26-35$ years old: 1 . Clea Billie, 2 . Nina Frias; 26-35 years old: 1 . Clea Billie, 2.
Alice M. Billie, 3 . Tommi Billie; $36-54$ years old: Janice Osceola; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances Osceola.
Traditional - Male
$0-1$ year old: 1 . Kai Tommie; 2-4 years old: 1. Byron Billie Jr., 2. Micah Stockton, 3. Hayzen Balentine; 5-8 years old: 1. Dwayne Billie, 2. Kassim
Stockton Jr.; $9-11$ years old: No entries; 12-17 years old: No entries; 18-25 years old: 1. Byron Billie; 26-35 years old: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2 . Wovoka Tommie; $36-54$ years old: 1 . Sandy Billie Jr., 2. Billy Walker; 55-64 years old: 1 . Michael
Barry Cypress, 2 Thomas M A. Bille 65 years Barry Cypress, 2. Thomas M. A. Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Joe Osceola Sr. $0-1$ year old: 1 . Mohayla B. Billie, 2 . Shylah Walker; 2-4 years old: 1 . Sarafina Billie, 2 . Madasyn Osceola, 3. Adrianna Ramirez, 4. Tahnia
M. A. Billie; 5-8 years old: 1. Arissa Cypress, M. A. Billie; 5-8 years old: 1 . Arissa Cypress, 2 .
Charlie Osceola 3. Jaylee Cypress; $9-11$ years Charlie Osceola, 3. Jaylee Cypress; 9-11 years
old 1 Janessa Jones 2 Alyssa 0sceola T-3 old: 1. Janessa Jones, 2. Alyssa 0sceola, T-3.
Thomlynn Billie, T - Eliza Billie; $12-17$ years old 1. Sierra Bowers, 2. Cooper Rivers, T-3. Gianna Wargolet, T-3. Allison Herrera; 18-25 years old: JoJo Osceola; $26-35$ years old: 1. Alice M. Billie, 2. Melissa Billie; $36-54$ years old: 1. Beverly Alumbaugh; 55-64 years old: 1. Lucille Jumper; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances 0sceola. Modern Traditional - Male 0-1 year old: 1. Kai Tommie, 2. Adrian Cypress-
Ramirez, 3. Asah Jumper; 2-4 years old: 1. Byron
Indian Day Promotes Healthy Habits in Hollywood


Tribal citizens and their families woke up early to participate in the Indian Day Walk, Oct. 16, at the Hollywood ball field. Their efforts were rewarded with a traditional necklace, a key chain, and a variety of
snacks to start the day healthy. Left photo Tribal citizen Terry Tartsal snacks to start the day healthy. Left photo, Tribal citizen Terry Tartsah keeps the speed up, followed by Chase Billie, left, and Grant Osceola. Right ph
a key chain earned after walking two miles.

## Tribal Citizens Compete in Big Cypress Indian Day Pool Tournament

> Right photo, Hollywood Reservation's Juanita Osceola wins the senior women's 8 Ball compentition at the Big Cypress Indian Day Pool Tournament on Oct. 1. Osceola was one of 17 Tribal citizens from the Big Cypress, Brighton, Holllywood and Immokalee reservations who competed in the holiday tournament at the Big Cypress Billiards Center.


## Indian Day Youth Basketball Classic Kicks Off Annual Event




Photo below, the Brighton Seminoles proudly show their 17-and-under boys chamPhoto below, the Brighton Seminoles proudy show their 17-and-under boys cham-
pionship trophy as part of the Indian Day Youth Basketball Classic Tournament at pionship trophy as part of
the Seminole Recreation Gym Sept. 18. The event also featured two other divisions, 17 -and-under girls and 13 -and-under co-ed, with Miccosukee winning a best of three series 2-0. Photo above, the champion Lady Seminoles from the girls divi-
sion. sion.


Big Cypress Tribal Citizens Stay Fit on Indian Day, Participate in Walk/Run

Hollywood/Fort Pierce Indian Day Features Great Food and Diverse Entertainment


Left photo, Keith Osceola pampers a calf and other animals, brought to entertain children during the Hollywood/Fort Pierce
Indian Day celebration, on Oct. 16 at the Hollywood Reservation.


Tribal citizen Jo Motlow North, organize of the festivities, makes fry bread to b served for dinner, along with ground beef
with gravy, Spam over rice, corned beef with gravy, Spam over rice, corned beef with potatoes, chicken tenders, beefaroni variety of events, such as skillet toss for women, log peeling for men, clothing contest, entertainment for children and more.

Indian Day Brings Tampa Tribal Citizens Together


Tampa Tribal citizens and employees participate in the annual Indian Day Run/Walk, as part of Indian Day Festivities
organized Sept. 25 at the Lakeland Property. The event was divided in two categories: runners and walkers. organized Sept. 25 at the Lakeland Property. The event was divided in two categories: runners and walkers.


Tribal citizen Wilson Bowers competes in the Indian Day log skinning event.


Tampa


Tribal citizens Betty Osceola, left, and Frances Osceola participate in the clothing contest, the 65 and older category.

Results from Hollywood/Fort Pierce Indian Day
Skillet Toss for Women
First place: Francine Osceola Second place: Tammy Osceola Third place: Patricia Wilcox
Participants: Bonnie Motlow, Juanita Osceola and Rosetta Rhodd.

Log Peeling for Men Second place: Travis R. Osceola Third place: Jay E. Holata Participants: Austin Billie, Elrod Bowers, Mingo Jones.
Clothing Contest Modern, 25 to 35 age group
First place: Melissa Demayo

Traditional, 35 to 44 age group Traditional, 35 to 44 age gro
First place: Elrod Bowers
cond place: Holly Tiger Bower Modern, 35 to 44 age group
First place: Flrod Bowers Modern outfit only, 45 to 54 age First place: Marlene Smith Second place: Dora Tiger Traditional, 55 to 65 age group First place: Juanita Osceola

Modern, 55 to 65 age group First place: Scarlett Jumper
Second place: Juanita Osceola

Traditional, 65 and older First place: Frances Osceola

Modern, 65 and older First place: Betty Osceola Second place: Frances Osceola

## Non-Residential Indian Day Brings Big Crowd to Okeechobee



The women compete in the clothing contest


Brighton Board Rep. Johnni Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr
teaches Cameron Dorgan about archery. -Rachel Buxton
OKEECHOBEE - Trib al citizens made the - Trek to Okeechobee's Agri-civic Center on Sept. 25, to participate in
the Non-Residential Indian Day festivities, such as the popular festivities, such as the popular
clothing contest, which had numerous categories.
Women competed in the traditional skillet thow while the men showed off their ar-
chery skills. The women and men teamed up for the horse-
shoe competition all vying for shoe competition all vying for those lucky ringers.
The youth competed in the Nintendo Wii and Rockband video game tournament, while
the little ones enjoyed a big in


Layne Thomas plays the guitar and Jalynn Jones taps the drums while Randy Shore watches.


The men line up for the judges.


Aice Sweat helps grandson Josh Boromei get ready for
the dress competition. Josh Boromei get rea
the dress competition.


Zephaniah Roberts, left, and Damion Escobar coordinated their paddlling skills to take first place in the 6 -to-11-year-old canoe races in Immokalee.

## Immokalee Community Marks Indian Day



Susan Davis, center, found herself competing against her nieces, Nikki and Josie Davis, in the contempoher niecess, Nikki and Josie Davis, in the contempo-
rary classification for the Women's Clothing Contest. ing was a new experience for Alice Jimmie.


Josh Garza's got first place in
the Cook-Off.


2010 Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie and her sister Destinee served a tradi
tional feast to Immokalee Tribal citizens.


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Hollywood's Newest Star on the Walk of Fame Is the Hard Rock Cafe in LA

## BY BRIANA D'ANDREA

LOS ANGELES - The red carpet was lled out and the bright lights set, as Holbiggest stars to hit the legendary Walk of ame: the new Hard Rock Cafe.
With Sunset Strip only a few block away, the place where some of the bigges only fitting for its neighbor the famou Hard Rock Café to the "City of Angels." Just a few steps from the Kodak and
Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Seminole Tribe is now the shining star on one of th
busiest streets in the world busiest streets in the wo Hard Rock and we want to get our names
out there to be accepted in music, in th movies and in acting," said Spencer Bat-
tiest, 20, an aspiring Seminole sing the Hollywood Reservation who walke the red carpet. "L.A., of course, is the city
of entertainment. So, now that we have a very prime location next to where the Os.

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Has New Exhibit: ‘From Surviving to Thriving: An Everglades Economy'

## $\underset{\text { Freelance Reporter }}{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}$

BIG CYPRESS - The Ah-Tah-Thi K1 Museum opened its newest exhibit Oct
30 with a behind the scenes tour for mem. 30 with a behind the scenes tour for mem-
bers at 12:30 p.m. and a public grand openbers at 12:30 p.m. and a public grand open-
ing from 2 to 4 p.m.
"From Surviving to Thriving: An Ever-
ars are held, our name is definitely going
o get out there and I'm just happy to be apart of that."
In true rocker fashion, George Lopez from "Lopez Tonight," three-time Grammy Michard Winning Snger Robin Thicke and Michael Jackson's guitarist "Orianthe,"
to name a few, joined Hollywood Council

- Please see HARD ROCK on page 2A


The new Had Rock Cote Briana Andre The new Hard Rock Cafe on Hollywood Boule vard welcomes customers with a shiny sign.
 tion of the Stranahan \& Co. Trading Post.
the Seminole employment of the ecological and natural resources of the South Florida subtropical wetland known as the Everglades, from the early 1800 s to present.
A year and a half went into the creation f the exhibit, which drew an impressive auincluded board members from the historithe East Coast. President of thost on Joe Smith, his wife Alice the Board Director Barbara Keith and Marlene in-depth study of the subject and presentation highlights.
Curator of Exhibitions Saul
Drake, Exhibits Manager Gin Drake, Exhibits Manager Greg Pa-
lumbo and Exhibits lumbo and Exhibits oordinator sources of the Museum and its exceptional staff to create a comprehensive plan that would allow the exhibit to educate a diverse group of all ages.
The Museum's exciting new exhibit focuses upon the changes that have impacted the natural economy,
from indigenous game and plants, to trading posts, white settlers, develop-
ers, tourism, water control, agriculture and current restoration and preservation plans.
A reproduction of the Stranahan A reproduction of the Stranahan
Trading Post \& Co.'s front porch invites the spectators to peer through the post as it would have looked to minoles coming to trade more than

## Seminole Tribe Among Honorees at Native American Rights Fund's 40th Anniversary Celebration

 BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter$\begin{array}{cl}\text { Staff Reporter } & \begin{array}{l}\text { States for their stand on justice at the orga- } \\ \text { nization's 40th Anniversary Celebration on }\end{array} \\ \text { THACKERVILLE, Okla. }- \text { The Na- } \\ \text { Oct. 29. }\end{array}$
ir freedom to become a financially viab ntity. "Back in the day, the Seminole Tribe American Rights Fund recognized Held at the WinStar World Hotel and


President Richard Bowers Jr., third from left and Native American President Richard Bowers Jr., third from left and Native American
Rights Fund Executive Director John Echohawk, center, stand with
representatives from the Shinneck Rights Fund Executive tirection Jocock Indian Nation of Southampton,
representatives from the Shinn
Long Island, N.Y., as they are honored by the NARF for their recent Long Island, N.Y., as they are honored by the NARF for their recent
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NARF. President Richard on
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Bowers Jr., a keynote Bowers Jr., a keynote
speaker at the NARF's by " 40 for 40 " Awards Cer-
emony, accepted emony, accepted two
major awards for the major awards for the
Tribe: a specially-made
Pendleton blanket and a Pendeton blanket and a
star quilt.
President Bowers President Bowers
talked about the Tribe's struggle to gain sovergovernment and how
the Seminoles have used
"Back in the day, the Seminole Tribe
ad no money and was living off the lands ith no reservations," President Bowers id in his moving speech. "Back in 1939, government actually established a reser tion for Seminole Indians. But they didn't e us any money; they just wanted to con
Seminole Indians to make them stay on , land. It was totally against our way of
In 1957 the Seminole Tribe was deemed
the U.S. government as a federally the U.S. government as a federally recog-
ized Tribe. "Before that, we were slated to be terninated by the federal government," President Bowers said. "But our leaders and vi-
sionaries back then drew up a rodeo arena and took some of our Seminole Indian bulls to help us survive."
The Tribal Board President delved into how the Tribal leaders back then hosted $\uparrow$ Please see NARF on page $2 A$

## Respected War Veteran Dan Bowers Honored at 23rd Annual Veterans Day Celebration



Seminole Tribe of Florida Presents Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo


Tribal officials are recognized for their support of the Southeastern Circuit Rodeo, organized Nov. 4,5 and 6 at Bergeron $>$ See more photos Rodeo Grounds in Davie. The rodeo is one of the top circuits in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association throughout on page 11A
the United States. the United States.

## EXHIBIT

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80 years ago. diray of Seminole goods are displayed dat the exhibit and enhance the literary tors that have impacted the Everglades in both positive and negative ways during the era o the Seminole inhabitation. A massive watershed that comprises near-
ly one half of the southern tip of the Florida peninsula, the Everglades is a slow
moving river that has its origins moving river that has its origins
with the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee. Shaped by natural frees, this limestone basin allows
the water to flow slowly southward for 100 miles into the Florida Bay and creates a natural bounty unique to the region.
Ancestors egan to move southward following began to move southward following
the First Seminole War and sought the First Seminole War and sought
refuge in the sometimes hostile but rich environment of the Everglades. For almost 200 years the Seminoles have sustained themselves on its
natural resources, adapting when natural resources, adapting when
necessary to changes that have impacted the ecology and economy of the region.

Transforming with the reshaping of their economy, the Seminole Tribe have gone from being hunter
gatherers and fishermen to farmgatherers and fishermen to farm-
ers and cattle ranchers, but always remained mindful of the need for protection and preservation of their homeland. Seminole Tribe of Florida Wa-
ter Resource Director


Seminole Tribe of Florida Water Resource Director Craig Tepper provides an insightful presentation on the Everglades ecology and Tribal partnership
in protection of water resources and environment.

## $\uparrow$ NARF

## From page A1

from that to travel to Washington, D.C. in their fight for freedom.
"That's why we have a cattle program
today," President Bowers continued "We put on ," President Bowers continued. "We put
on rodeos as part of our heritage. That's what saved us from termination as the Seminole
Tribe of Florida " Tribe of Florida."

The Seminole Tribe was later able to position itself as an international organization. The
Tribe, which owns almost 150 Hard Rock Café Tribe, which owns almost 150 Hard Rock Café
facilities throughout the world, now gives back to the NARF and less fortunate tribes. cause of are blessed to be in this position bemove on," President Bowers said. "And this to why we're here today; to give to people that
will fight for our freedom will fight for our freedom, our rights, our lands
and our heritage. The only organization I could and our heritage. The only organization I could
think of that does this is the Native American Rights Fund."
President Bowers took the time to thank
the NARF and Native leaders such the NARF and Native leaders such as John
Echohawk and for their efforts in the preservaEchohawk and for their efforts in the p.
tion of freedom for Native Americans.
$\qquad$ no Indian Rights Fund, no John Echohawk, it would've been bad days for us," President They have fought to make this Indian world we live in a better place.'

President Bowers, who noted the Shinnecock Indian Tribe of Long Island, N.Y., as
being the latest federally recognized Tribe had a special message for them, as well as other
Tribes nationwide Tribes nationwide
"We're the same people; we're cut from
the same cloth," President Bowers said "We the same cloth," President Bowers said. "We
challenge all the Tribes to give back. It will challenge all the Tribes to give back. It will
make things better for us. May God bless the Native American Rights Fund.
Other Tribes recognized by the NARF in-
clude the Rosebud Sioux Tribe the Nez P Tribe of Idaho and the Muckleshoot Tribe Washington, among many other 40 for 40 honorees.

Shinnecock Indian Nation Senior Trustee dent Bowers' acknowledgement of their Tribe, which was federally recognized just this, past month. Gumes called that an "embracing" mo-
ment, as he remembers a time in which the ment, as he remembens a time in which th
Seminole Tribe reached out to his New
gave an introductory presentation of the natu-
ral phenomenon that comprises the Everglades ral phenomenon that comprises the Everglades. He addressed expansion and development of
Tribal issues surrounding the Everglades Restoration Project, water quality concerns, challenges of Global Warming, government regulations, recharging of the aquifers, waste water treatment, agricultural irrigation and ecosys-
tem protection Following the
Following the opening, guests enjoyed a
aditional Seminole menu of fry bread, sofkee, swamp cabbage, beef tips and gravy.


Large panels of educational data throughout the exhibit explore he factors that have impacted the Everglades and Seminole onomy over the past two centuries.

## THANKSGIVING WISHES



## $\checkmark$ HARD ROCK

## From page A

Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. in smashing 21 Gibson guitars in front of the 20,000 -square-foot rock Mecca to inaugurate the cafe.
"Everything is just a dream, because when we started, we didn't have anything,",
Rep. Osceola said. "Today we're building our Rep. Osceola said. "Today we're building our
empire and so it's a way to provide for our future and it's a way to enjoy the American rock n' roll. Rock on!"
Whether you're into the cheeseburgers,
the fries, the music or the memorabilia the fries, the music or the memorabilia, every-
one has their favorite at the Hard Rock Café one has their favorite at the Hard Rock Café.
"It's really, the historical nature. That "It's really, the historical nature. That all the memorabilia and the pieces of all the greatest artists of all time. So, to be included in any part of that is a true honor," said Thicke.
After being introduced by the bubbly LoAfter being introduced by the bubbly Lo-
pez, Thicke graced the stage, singing his hit "Magic."
And it was definitely a magical night for "We're just happy that we have something so incredible a nd so awesome to call our very own," said Paula Bowers Sanchez, Semi-
nole singer from the Immokalee Reservation nole singer from the Immokalee Reservation.
Proceeds from the event went to the Proceeds from the event went to the
Downtown Women's Center, an organization Downtown Women's Center, an organization
dedicated to ending homelessness for women In addition, the Hard Rock donated the same amount of guitars smashed to a local musi program to keep the music alive.


From left, Michael Jackon's niece Genevieve Jackson and Tribal Members Spencer Bat tiest, Allison Osceola, Paula Bowers-Sanchez, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Melissa DeMayo and Marge Osceola walk the red carpet for the Grand
Opening of The Hard Rock Café on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles. Opening of The Hard Rock Café on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.

based Tribe.
when we seminole Tribe acknowledged us government," Gumes said. "Even though it took the federal government 32 and a half years o recognize us, the Seminole Tribe has supported us much, much before that. I appreciate
the Seminole Tribe's support and understanding of who we are."
Gumes recalled a time in which the Seminole Tribe sent its color guard to travel to Long sland in support of the Shinnecock Indian Nation's Pow-Wow celebration on Labor Day eeenend years ago
with us," Gumes said "A them to participate with us," Gumes said. "A lot of Tribes didn't
want to celebrate with us because we weren't recognized. But the Seminole Tribe accepted us as Indians in their own way. I will never for get that."

Echohawk, executive director of the "40 for 40 " awards ceremony as far as Na tive American Tribes and individuals are concerned.
"Over the past 40 years, Tribes have got on their feet and have gotten more self-sufficient,"
Echohawk said. "They been able to go into phiEchohawk said. "They been able to go into phi-
lanthropy and the Seminole Tribe was one of those first Tribes to reach that level. With their success in gaming, they look to give back to the Native American Rights Fund. The Seminoles recognize our need for funding to help
out Tribes that are less fortunate. We appreciate out Tribes that are less fortunate. We appreciat
their financial support over the years." heir financial support over the years.
Echohawk offered his take on
Echohawk offered his take on President "I think he knows all the difficulties the Shinnecock Nation faced to get recognized by the federal government," Echohawk said "The Seminole Tribe had similar problems in its history. They stood with the Shinnecocks
in their whole process. And that's one way the Seminole Tribe reaches out to us in support of our cause in helping Native American Tribes hroughout the country.'

The NARF was founded in 1970 as an organization primarily based on devoting its efforts to the promotion and preservation of Na-
tive American rights. The entity has gone on to represent more than 250 Tribes nationwide in arenas such as protection of Indian lands, fed-
eral recognition and hunting rights eral recognition and hunting rights.
For more information on the N For more information on the Native Amercan Rights Fund, visit www.narf.org.


Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. was the keynote speaker at the NARF's "40 for 40" awards ceremony.

From left, Native American Rights Fund Board Members Barbara Smith and Mike Beasley Denson, Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., Wayne Ross and Nancy Stirling Ross. The group was recognized as platinum sponsors of the NARF, and received Pendleton Blankets and Sioux Star Quilts for their generous donations to the human rights organization.

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##  Community

## The Late Hope Tommie Wilcox Continues to Bring Families Together

Y RACHEL BUXTON Staff Reporter



Margaret Wilcox recals Aug. the Seminole Tribe has bestowed upon her and her family by naming the soon-to-be Fort Pierce Com"It's not a feeling you can actually express in Hope Tommie Wilcox was one of 13 children of the original Fort Pierce Tribal July 10, 1936 and grew up on an old campsite off of "Their lifestyle was beautiful and natural," Wilcox said. "They did a lot of hunting and different things for surviv
When Hope was just a young child she left her campsite to help her family survive by working in
the tomato fields. Hope would work in the fields picking the tomatoes and then finish her day's work It was in those fields when she was only 13 years old that she
with Damon Wilco

## Hope and Damon $n$

$\qquad$ Where you saw one you saw the other." Hope and Damon shared lifetime and a family

Leon and Patricia. Hope centered everything around munity. She tried to make sure that whatever they were doing they were doing as a family. She always


Hope Tommie Wilcox.
and ionioyed playing basketball and bowling
Bowling becaying basketball and bowling. orking at a bowling alley in the early 70 s as main tenance employee. She worked there for 32 years.
"We were raised in a bowling alley" Wilco joked. "So it was bowling, bowling, bowling." Tribal family would find a way to incorporate sports into their lives as a way to come together and enjoy ach oher. Wilcox recalled a lunch she had with cousin
and now Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie back in and now Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie back in
1989 before the Fort Pierce reservation Chupco's 1989 before the Fort Pierce reservation Chupco's
Landing was even built. At the lunch Wilcox mentioned to Tommie about how her mother constantly talked about having something for the Tribal community that would bring them together.
"I went back to the time where my mom said, 'I'll be dead and gone when everything if anything 'I'll be dead and gone when everything if anything gracefully,"" Wilcox said.
Eleven years after her passing Hope's dream got a step closer to becoming a reality with the groundbreaking of the Fort Pierce Community Cener, and as she predicted, she was remembered.
Wilcox said that her mother was always the one to gather up the family and recruit the cousins. "She was always trying to pull them together,
Today the woman who is remembered for he
happy-go-lucky personality and permanent smile is still bringing her family together. The community
center that she dreamt about will gather her entire center that she dreamt about will gather her entire
Seminole Tribe to learn and share fellowship. "This is what she enjoyed," Wilcox said, bringing family and happiness together."

Tribal Council Convenes in Big Cypress for Monthly Meeting Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS
Big Cypress Commun
The Tribal Council met on Oct. 21 at the
hey passed a total of 29 resolutions, including the following. Resolution 20: Third amendment to the 23 rd annual Work Plan
submitted to the South Florid ubmitted tribe South Florida Water Management District by the Resolution 21: Appointment of five commissioners to the Seminole Water Commission in accordance with the Tribal Wate
Resolution 24: Approval of Balfoort Finnvold Architecture
nc. service agreement for housing services. Resolution 25: Approval of service agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Zyscovich,
Public Safety and Administration Building.
Resolution 26: Approval of agreement with Abney \& Abne nc. D/B/AAbney \& Abney Green Solutions for the Brighton Pub lic Safety and Administration Building Seminole Indian Reservation.
Resolution Approval
Hollywood Security Access Project, ratid with R2T, Inc. for Resolution 28: Approval of agreement with Redman Build Inc . for the construction of Seminole Indian Reservatio
1 Yesor 2010 staffing fepartment of Homeland Security - Fis application; ratification.
Resolution 35: Resolution rescinding Seminole Tribe of
Florida resolution No. C-070-09, approved Nov. 20, 2008, which esolution approved a lease between the Seminole Tribe of Florid (tenant) for the development and construction of an ecotourist hotel resort on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation Resolution 36. Amendment No. XXII to Constitution and By

Sixth Annual Florida Gaming Summit Generates Discussion on Gaming Operations


Tribal Outreach Specialist Makes Guest Appearance on National Public Radio


Tribal Outreach Specialist Everett Osceola, right, is interviewed by National Public Radio's Ed Bell on his weekly talk show "South Florida Arts Beat" at the
WLRN studios in Miami on Oct 29. The two discussed topics such as the 13th WLRN studios in Miami on Oct 29. The two discussed topics such as the 13th annual American Indian Arts Festival, as well as the many facets and functions of the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum. Dorian Lange, Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum develop-
ment officer and interview coordinator said, "This was a great opportunity for ment officer and interview coordinator said, "This was a great opportunity
us to present more of the rich culture and tradition of the Seminole Tribe."

Seminole Moments Visits Fort Pierce with New Wood Carving Topic


Seminole Ambassador Addresses Greater Naples Leadership


Students of the Greater Naples Leadership history day class gather for a group photo with Seminole Tribal Citizen Mary Jene Koenes following her presentation on Tribal history.

## Elder Maggie Osceola Is a Role Model for Younger Generations

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter
FORT LAUDERDALE athered to celebrate the 90th - Family Hollywood Tribal Elder Maggie Osceola Hollywood Tribal Elder Maggie Osceola,
one of the community's eldest and most treasured members.
Catfish Dewey's seafood restaurant was the setting for generations of loved ones on hand from brothers and sisters to nephews and great-grandchildren to reminisce on
Nov. 1 on the life of the Bird Clan member. "It is a celebration of togetherness and
family" nephew and Tribal Council Rep. family," nephew and Tribal Council Rep.
Max B. Osceola Jr. said of the special eve-


Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., left, and Tribal Board Rep. Mar-
Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., left, and Tribai Board
cellus Osceola Jr. celebrate Maggie Osceola's 90th birthday.
ning. "This is what it is all about, a wealth
of family. It was all about the family unit be-
ment co-founderter, mother Mary Movern- Motlow-
fore televisions and all the technology now; we were together. It was a fun time. I always say we were not rich and did not have a lot
of money, but we were rich in love." of money, but we were rich in love."
Maggie Osceola's exact date of birth is unknown and was estimated, because she was born in the Everglades at a time when nole families was not practiced "It is great to see her still. has been such a big part of my life," grand son Eric Osceola said. "The best part to me
was that I could just go to her heose was that I could just go to her house as a kid
and relax. These younger kids ne ge of 100 .
Among only a handful of Tribal citiens still alive to speak fluent and exclusive Mikasuki, her native language, younger
sibling Betty Osceola interpreted her older ister's thoughts on the evening, her longevity in age and the Tribe's progression as a
major player in the business world. najor player in the business world.
"I liked the party, it was happy to see and good having the young ones come to celebrate," Maggie Osceola said.
"I never really thought a lot of living to my age; I have just taken it one day at a
time. I have been happy to see things prog-
ress [with the Tribe]," she added. "I had
nothing growing up back then but God has lessed me and watched over me to have,
omething now. He has taken care of us all., Betty said Maggie's faith and obedilong life. "She has lived as long as she has also because she has followed the belief of lis-
ening to and doing what her elders told her
to do," Betty said.
The mother of eight was also married er 50 years to the late Jack Osceola. She has remained very active over the
years and is among a few Seminole elder women still practicing the art of doll and
dress making along with basket weaving and sewing. Although she has never re--
ceived any formal schooling, she learned to spell and write her name, and to drive
something she continues to do.

Hollywood Trading Post Marks Four-Year Anniversary



Seminoles in Recovery member Andy Buste Seminoles in Recovery member Andy Buster
gives announcements throughout the day.

## Corey Billie Introduces Tourists to the Wonders of the Everglades

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
NAPLES - Raised in a Seminole Camp has fluctuated between traditional and modern. A member of the Panther clan, he grew up under the watchful eye of his mother, Rosa Billie and
his grandmother, Addie Billie. his grandmother, Addie Billie.
Times were hard and by an early age, his family began teaching him about his heritage and
the necessary skills of survival. They instilled in the necessary skills of surviva. They insthed had
him a love of the Everglades wilderness that been the homeland of his ancestors. Fishing and gigging in the Glades, he was
always at home on the water and had a great
fondness for the airboats operated in Miccosukee and the tourist attractions along the Tamiami Billie attended school in Everglades City, icked vegetables in the fields and then moved The years passed and he became construction. with four children to raise, but always held onto his hope of operating hise own airboat.
Recently he was ablo Recently, he was able to realize his lifelong dream when he purchased a 200 acre private jiece of the Everglades on the Tamiami Trail Billie reconstructed a large chickee on the premises for a boat landing and headquarters, ing the tourist trade. ing the tourist trade.
Visitors also have an opportunity to hold a baby alligator, learn about the local wildlife
and shop for Seminole arts and crafts in the gift shop. "My land is like a hole in a donut," said Billie. "I am surrounded by three natural habi-
tat parks: Picayune State Panther Preserve, tat parks: Picayune State Panther Preserve,
10,000 Islands National Wildlife Preserve and Collier Seminole State Park. When I go to work each day, it is a labor of love as I glide across the waters that my ancestors once traveled in their dugout canoes."
Billie said Corey Billie's Airboat Rides is Billie said Corey Billie's Airb
named in memory of his late son. "I had always hoped that we would experience history ogether and have an opportu-
nity to live among the birds and wildlife that have survived here for thousands of years," he said. "I am very fortunate to have my youngest son, Matthew, working here beside me and
learning about his heritage," learning about his heritage. Billie said he believes he belongs to the land, rather than the land belonging to him.
"I consider it a privilege to be able to share the unique ecology of the Everglades and its estuaries, while preserving their pris-
tine beauty."


Corey Billie treated Naples Seminole Community members to an airboat ride as a victory celebration during Red Ribbon Week. Below left photo, from right, three generations of the Billie family, Corey, Rosa and Matthew, greet visitors to Corey Billie's Airboat Rides. Below right
photo, Don Hopkins prepares to allow Naples Community children, Marissa Osceola, Nicole Slavik, Martin Slavik, Joseph and Dominic photo, Don Hopkins prepares to allow Naples Community children,
Osceola-Lugo, to hold a baby alligator at Corey Billie's Airboat Rides.


Paula Bowers-Sanchez Performs at WHY Hunger Event in Los Angeles


Tribal citizen Paula Bowers-Sanchez was among a few of the entertainers at the WHY Hunger event organized at the new Hard Rock Café on Hollywood Boulevard families. Micki Free was also part of the group of entertainers for the evening.

Record Turnout for Big Cypress Birthday Luncheon


In what turned out to be the Big Cypress Human Resource Department's largest luncheon of the year so far, lines were relatively long as Tribal citizens
and employees waited patiently to enjoy a full-course lunch on Oct. 27 . Held at the Big Cypress Community Center, about 200 people took part in the and employees waited patiently to enjoy a full-course lunch on Oct. 27. Held at the Big Cypress Community Center, about 200 people took part in the
community-wide function. Left photo, Big Cypress Education Advisor Carine Eugene, left, serves Seminole Tribe Environmental Scientist David Bishof community-wide function. Left photo, Big Cypress Education Advisor Carine Eugene, left, serves Seminole Tribe Environmental Scientist David Bishof
a hearty lunch. Right photo, Before heading back to work, a group of Tribal employees from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Tribal Historical Preservation Office enjoy their lunch on Oct. 27.



Lakota Indian Nation Pow-Pow Senior David Brush performs an honor song for the Seminole Tribe at the AIAC Festival on Nov. 6

With his sunset colors, 11-year-old Talon Duncan of the Apache Tribe of Mesa, Ariz., performs a war
dance to honor of all warriors and veterans of war.

Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep.
Mondo Tiger, left, receives an honorary plaque for the Tribe from Everglades Trail Association
President Marvin Cook. Founded President Marvin Cook. Founded
in 2003, the Everglades Trail Assoin 2003, the Everglades Trail Asso-
ciation has erected 21 scenic sites
throughout South Florida, with the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress being the latest addition.


## Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Hosts 13th Annual AIAC Festival in Big Cypress



Students from the Ahfachkee School and the Pemayetv Emahak Charter School pat the baby alligator, with the supervision of Bil lie Swamp Safari Animal Training Assistant Yosdday Martinez.


The final Apache Indian Nation performance was the round dance, with all the audience members participating in the five-minute function. The round dance represents unity and friendship, according to Apache Nation's Sky Duncan. "We can all get along with each other, no matter what race or gender we are," he said. "The Seminole Tribe represents unity and strength. l'm grateful for them because they're very generous to everyone.


For the NRCS guests the visit to Big Cypress concluded with an hour-long ride on the Billie Swamp Safari's swamp buggy
 cattle ranching among guests at the Native Vi lage evening gathering. Jerry Wolfe of the Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina story tells and sings the traditional version of the classic hymn "Amazing Grace."

## Tribe and Native Groups Meet to Discuss Conservation

## by chris $C$. Jenkins and nan tobias

 Staff ReportersHOLLYWOOD/BIG CYPRESS The topic of conservation brought member of the Natural Resources Conservation Ser-
vices and Natives from all over the southeast together for a meet and greet on two of the
Tribe's reservations for a four-day event Tribe's reservations for a four-day event.
In a first-time gathering on Seminol In a first-time gathering on Seminole
Tribal lands Oct. 24-27, the Tribe welcomed Tribal lands Oct. $24-27$, the Tribe welcomed
groups from the NRCS and Southeastern groups from the NRCS and Southeastern
American Indian Work Group to discuss current and further conservation strategies and solutions on Indian lands. It is the se enth overall meeting among the groups.
"What we wanted to achieve is have "What we wanted to achieve is have a
conversation between Tribes and the NRCS, conversation between Tribes and the NRCS,
get to know each other better. And this will get to know each other better. And this will each other," said Carlos Suarez, Florida NRCS State Conservationist. "We want to
strengthen our partnerships through strengthen our partnerships through con-
servation and understand the real issues in servation and understand the real issues in
a government-to-government relationship," a government-to-government relationship."
Presentations and sessions officially kicked things off Oct. 25 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on Hollywood, with acknowledgements from Tribal Board of Directors President Richard Bowers Jr., the
Tribal Color Guard, Tribal elders and memTribal Color Guard, Tribal elders and mem-
bers of NRCS. Later in the evening, a hosbers of NRCS. Later in the evening, a hos-
pitality dinner at the Native Village featured Tribal entertainment including storytelling and music from Tribal citizens Joe Frank, Ollie Wareham and Ted Nelson Sr. type of gathering and it is a place where we could get on an even playing ground for
future funding" said future funding," said President Bowers. "It
all serves as
always conserved before any governmen interference. This type of thing is only to reservations," he continued.
On Oct. 26, NRCS visitors took a trip to the Big Cypress Reservation and toured the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari. About 50 guests were on board, with
airboat and swamp buggy rides at the Safari airboat and swamp buggy rides at the Safar
as the primary highlights of the trip. Organizer Barbara Billie, Presiden Organizer Barbara Billie, President
Bowers and Big Cypress Tribal Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr. were among hose in attendance.
"One of the most interesting things we have found is that you can have bad ecoof it," said Timothy Oakes, NRCS Tribal Liaison Officer for the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi. "You would not normally think of the wetlands as a source of economic sur-
vival, but the Seminoles were forced into the vival, but the Seminoles were forced into the
wetlands and made something of it. Even in wetlands and made something of it. Even in
this day, the Seminoles not only make an economic dollar from the wetlands, but take pride in having conservation in their minds and protection of the wetlands. They are not only surviving in the wetlands, but thriving Oakes said he was awed with the trip around Big Cypress. "It was exhilarating to see a lot of wild life on the airboat and swamp buggy rides. We received a rich history lesson of the Seminole Tribe of Florida on our museum
and safari visits. I believe all of us can say and safari visits. I believe all of us can say
we had a fulfilling experience on the trip." we had a fulfilling experience on the trip."
Oct. 27 consisted of a general session, pesentations and closing comments.

As an agency, the NRCS assists Indi-


Tribal Board President Richard Bowers J. Jr. welomes guests from the Southeastern American ndian Work group and members of the Natural
esources Conservation Service to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, and to South Florida, as part of their annual gathering on conservation practices and the environment.
in Tribes by establishing offices in Indian ountry through Congress, the President's
ffice and USDA/NRCS standards, according to its website at www. nrcs.usda.gov.
RRCS works with landowners through RCS works with landowners through conervation planning and assistance designed
o benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and
animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems.
Created in 1996, the Southeastern merican Indian Work Group consists of nine neighboring Indian states including: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mis-
issippi, North Carolina, South Carolina Tennessee and Virginia. All have collaborated to network, share information, organize, recruit and develop activities and interests for conservation of natural resources.


## Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Banquet Features Awards Ceremony

reelance Reporte

BRIGHTON - Members of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association gathered at the Brighton Veterans Building on Oct. 16 for the 2010 Year End Banquet and Awards ceremony.
During welcoming remarks, EIRA President Josh Jumper gave thanks on behalf of the EIRA members to the Tribal Council, family members and friends for their support throughout the year. Following the invocation, Moses Jumper, Jr. said, "The EIRA is in its 13th year and continuing to grow. Our youth, non-sanctioned events have increased and are providing a teaching experience and feed-
er system for the next generation of rodeo contenders. In addition, the Indian National Finals Rodeo has The auditorium filled with laughter and cheers as the audience viewed a 20 -minute pilot known a "Bigg's Bloopers," which included blunders and wrecks that occurred in the arena during the rodeos. entertainment conchaded with the reading of "Indian Rodeo," a poem written
President Richard Bowers Jr. congratulated everyone on a job well done.
"It is my privilege to support rodeos and Seminole youth. Rodeo has become a part of our heritage.
The sport was born out of the cattle industry and our people have always looked forward to testing their skills in the arena," President Bowers said. "As a youngster I remember watching the men working the Pointe in Las Vegas."
Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner and Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. talked
about highlights of the past rodeo season and congratulated the 2010 Champions and Reserve Champions
 Perez made short presentations and then assisted io mailan out the awards. Directors for each event came forward to awa out the awards. Directors for each event came forward to award
saddles to the Champions and buckles to the Reserve Champi-

Over the past several years, EIRA membership has grown to encompass a large portion of North America. Contestants travel long distances to compete in their rodeos in the hopes of held this year Because of the great distance and expense of travel, several of the contestants receiving awards were unable to attend the banquet. They will receive their saddles and buckles when The EIRA sponsors rodeo scholarships for deserving young people to attend college. This year's scholarship recipi nt is Shelby Osceola, who is attending Troy University.
Following the presentation of awards, officers and direcFollowing the presentation of awards, officers and direc-
tors were elected for the new year of 2011. A barbecue banquet Kalgary Johns was awarded Champion Al Around Cowgirl of the Year for 2011


Jr. Miss Rodeo Mailan Perez, left, and Sr. Miss Rodeo Jewel Buck, right, join Barrel Racing Director Toi Andrews, second from
right, in presenting a raddle to Barrel Racing Champion Loretta


Past and newly elected EIRA Rodeo Event Directors gather to commemorate another season

## 2010 EASTERN INDIAN RODEO

 ASSN. AWARDSEIRA CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Freddy WarBonnet, Saddle Bronc Riding: Tyler Humble, Steer Wrestling: Quinn Campbell, Calf Roping: Preston Williams, Lady's Breakaway Roping: Mindy Fish, Team Roper Header: Josh Jumper
Team Roper Heeler: Preston Williams, Barrel Racing: Loretta Peterson, Bull Riding: Koty Brugh.
MEN'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Preston Williams LADY'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Leanna Billie BOY'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Jobe Johns GIRL'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Kalgary Johns
EIRA RESERVE CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Jacoby Johns, Steer Wrestling: Ivan BruisedHead, Calf Roping: Naha Jumper, Lady's Breakaway: Ayze Henry, Team Rop-
ing Header: Marvin Bowers, Team Roping Heeler: Naha Jumper, Barrel Racing: Mackenzie Bowers.
INFR 2010 QUALIFIERS: Bareback Riding: Jacoby Johns, Saddle Bronc Riding: Tyler Humble, Steer Wrestling: Ivan BruisedHead \& Warren Rubio, Calf Roping: Ivan BruisedBoggie Jumper, Team Roping: Josh Jumper \& Preston W liams, marvin Bowers \& Ivan BruisedHead, Lady's Barrel Racing: Loretta Peterson, Carrera Gopher.
NON-SANCTIONED CHAMPIONS: Mutton Busting: Justin Gopher, Jr. Pony Riding: Jobe Johns, Calf Riding: Mark Jumper, 4-8 Barrels: Brighton Bauman, 9-12 Barrels: Kal-
gary Johns, 13-17 Barrels: Reagon Tigertail, Jr. Breakaway Roping: Andre Jumper Chute Doggin: Ernie Courson, Jr Steer Undecorating: Ketton Smediey, Sr. Steer Undecorating: Chebon Gooden, Jr. Bareback Riding: Wililiam Bearden, 50 \& Over Breakaway Roping: Paul Bowers, Sr., 50 \& Over Barrel Racing: Anna Bowers.

NON-SANCTIONED RESERVES: Mutton Busting: Dwayne Billie Jr., Pony Riding: Tripp Edgar, Calf Riding: Myron Billie, Ernie Courson \& Kedgor, Smedull Riding Co-Champions. Jacee Jumper, 9-12 Barrels Champion: Harley Maggard 13-17 Barrel Champion: Nauthkee Henry, Jr. Breakaway Ropgin Co-Champion: Dalton Boney \& Jobe Johns, Chion Champion: Jobe Johns, Sr. Steer Undecorating Champion: Dalton Boney, Jr. Bareback Riding Champion: Andrew Holmes, 50 \& Over Breakaway Roping: Norman Johns.
REGIONAL FINALS CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Freddy WarBonnet, Saddle Bronc: Tyler Humble, Steer Wres-
tling Champion: Quinn Campbell, Calf Roping Champion Preston Williams, Lady's Breakaway Champion: Mindy Fish, Team Roping Header Champion: Josh Jumper, Team Roping Heeler Champion: Preston Williams, Barrel Racing Champion: Carrera Gopher, Bull Riding Champion: Warren Rubio.

INFR JR. 7 SR. EVENT WINNERS: Jr. Steer Riding: Andre Jumper, Kelton Smedley, Jobe Johns, Jr. Barrel Racing. Budda Jumper, Kalgary Johns, Ahnie Jumper, Melonie Perez, Jr. Breakaway Roping: Andre Jumper, Blevyns Jumper, Jobe Johns, Kalgary Johns, Sr. Breakaway Roping:
paul Bowers, Sr., Norman Johns, paul Bowers, Sr., Norman Johns, Joe L. John, Sr. Team
Roping: Joe L. John \& Paul Bowers, Sr, Parker Jones \& Norman Johns.


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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

## Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Celebrates Fire Prevention Week on Reservations



Seminole Fire-Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal Bob Browr activities in Big Cypress.


In Brighton, Chloe Chalfant, left, and Tyler Howard ride shotgun in Fire Engine
 Tribe's Fire Rescue Department watch Tribal youth complete a structural col-
lapse crawl maze as part of Fire Rescue Week activities held at the Hollywood
Recreation Gym on Oct. 18 .

 Eller assists Leilani Gopher, 9, with a hose
pull, during the agility test in Big Cypress.
About 30 Tribal and community youth from the Big Cypress Reservation participated in the Fire Prevention ity time with the Seminole Fire-Rescuimmim Cypress Public Safety Complex Building. They spend some qual

S
Seminole Fire Rescue Firefighter Steven


Captain Ricardo Fong narrates as firefighters demons


Captain Ricardo Fong narrates as firefighters demonstrate rescue procedures to a group of Immokalee youngsters.

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter
The Seminole Tribe's Fire Rescue De partment held its third annual Fire Preven-
tion Week series of demonstrations at the tion Week series of demonstrations at th
Hollywood, Fort Pierce, Brighton, Big Cy press and Immokalee Reservations fron The Seminole Fire Rescue crews used a vast array of activities to gauge the Triba and community youngsters' interests in ef forts to promote fire prevention. This year',
theme was Smoke Alarms: A Sound Live With.
The Fire Prevention Week demonstration on Oct. 18, as the Hollywood ReservaRecreation Gym hosted a series of practical in-depth exercises and drills for the youth to Those fire prevention-related activities crawl maze, a cone knockdown, a physica activity training course, a smoke room and an appearance from Sparky, the Seminole
Fire Rescue's fire dog "We have had a tradition here with the Tribe for the last three years and it continue
to be an opportunity for the kids to see hov to be an opportunity for the kids to see hou
our firefighters operate," said Robert Brown Hollywood's Tribal Fire Rescue Deputy Fire
Hershal "'This is Marshal. "This is also another nice way to
introduce firefighters to the young children introduce firefighters to the young children
so they are not frightened if they come so they are not frightened if they come
across one in the event of a fire."
Hollywood Tribal mother Glory had six of her kids participating in the ac tivities.
II think it was awesome and the bes
thing they could have done was actually hav.
 Lucas Osceola, from Brighton. sits in the the vehicle.

Tribal youth from Hollywood greet special guest Sparky, the
ing a hands-on set up. It was good. I liked
it and the kids did also," Diaz said. "They 10 -year-old Dayra Koenes, the
crawl maze was her favorite part of the fire being Fire $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fire }\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & \text { Preven- }\end{aligned}$ learned a lot in seeing what firefighters actu- rescue demo presentation. tion Month across the ally do and probably even more about safety. "With the maze, you have to crawl United States, Logan Safety is the key and I think that is the thing through it to see what it's like to be in a and his staff wanted to they really took from it all the most." fire," Koenes said. "We want to keep our- make sure the "whole held a similar demonstration on Oct. 22 at The whole thing was fun. We want them the gymnasium. As the Brighton commu- [the Seminole Fire Rescue] to do one again nity 's youth, adults and employees gathered around the facility for a barbecue-themed lunch, Seminole Fire Rescue crews took a group of interested youngsters on a tour of
the fire rescue's Engine 7 and Rescue 7 ve hicles.
In Engine 7, the kids took turns in the driver's seat, pressing buttons and turning
the sirens on and off. A rescue training activity followed after lunch was served. visit was made by Sparky and Smoky the Bear.
At the Big Cypress Reservation, about in the youth were vescue's demo on Oct. 25. The physical activity chrilled to take part in the Fire Rescue as the agility test
A key component in the evaluation of
potential firefighter, the youngsters started potential firefighter, the youngsters started with a medical bag carry-on, which was followed by a hose pull and a ladder raising
device. The five-phase test concluded with device. The five-phase test concluded with a window smasher and the stretcher roll,
which allowed the kids to run with the de-
vice. At the reservation's Public Safety Con
plex, the Big Cypress youth participants participated in the same activities,
youngsters from other reservations. roll if I When I was little I learned to drop and grow am on fire," Mora said. "Now I have smoky up and I know how to get out of a hide in a fire tent in the woods.", Seminole Fire Rescue Chief David Logan said the Fire Prevention Week dem-
onstrations were geared toward educating the Tribe's youngsters on how to protect themselves during the upcoming dry season, which begins on Dec. 1 and runs through
May 31, 2011. Fire Prevention Week made its way tive was to make sure to the Immokalee Reservation on Oct. 26, fire shildren learn about with the youth there learning about wild use safe practices in land fire fighting, emergency and prevention case a fire happens in techniques, evacuation procedures and fire
equipment operations. Seminole Emergency, Fire and Rescue officers make frequent presentations in Immokalee to instruct the younger generation in fire prevention, safety skills and rescue
procedures. The information taught during procedures. The information taught during
these seminars has had a major impact on the students, who are beginning to develop reflex reactions to adverse situations. Raymond James Mora, 9, said he has been interacting with the firemen since his preschool days and has a keen interest in
fire prevention, which is typical of his classfire prevention, which is typical of his class-
mates.
gamut of fire protec-
tion" was covered.
 demonstration on Oct 21, Seminole Fire ResTampa Reser The Onco, 8, uses a fire hose to knock down a cone with the help of neanwhile, did nest. 0 . 25 Fire Prevention Week Demo function in Big Cypress. have a demo this year 0 .ct. 25 Fire Prevention Week Demo function in Big Cypress. According to the National Fire Protec- $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \text { acres. The fire began on October } 8 \text {, } \\ & \text { with the majority of its damage taking place }\end{aligned}$ tion Association's website, Fire Prevention $\begin{aligned} & \text { with the majority of } \\ & \text { on October } 9,1871\end{aligned}$ Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 confla- For more information on Fir gration that killed more than 250 people left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than
17,400 structures and burned more than


Emergency medical technicians provide Immokalee children with a tour of the ambulance and its life saving facilities.


Tribal youngster John Osceola, from HolTribal yougster John Osceola, from Hollywood, firisucs
custom fire truck.

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## Big Cypress Seminole 4-H October News

$\frac{\text { BY CRYSTAL BURKETT-WILCOX }}{\text { Big Cypress FIorida Copprative }}$
Big Cypress Florida Cooperative
Extension Asst. Coordinator
First, we started out with cooking up some Halloween
cupcakes for the member to take to their school parties $\begin{array}{ll}\text { (No need to cook cupcakes mom, I've got it all taken } \\ \text { Well, the month of October was a great month for } & \begin{array}{l}\text { (Nare of). While we let the cupcakes bake, the members } \\ \text { started make potholders }\end{array}\end{array}$ all our 4-H clubs.
We had our monthly meeting at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Oct.
Now it is the end of the month, and the members a swine for South Florida Fair have mar 6. Also, the photo club B.C. swamp snappers had a on have ath in West Palm Beach meeting the same day after the monthly meeting. In Big Cypress 4H has four members that are showing
the meeting we went over different techniques in using their cameras. We planed a trip to the Safari for the 17th Well, this is all for October. Talk to you next month for our first photo shoot. The swamp snappers needed photos of marine and aquatic photogra-
phy because they had a photo contest coming phy because they had a photo contest coming
up. The photography contest was held Nov, 6 at the MME in Kissimmee, Fla., at the Osceola County extension office.
The 4-H leaders went to Tampa on Nov. $8-11$, to the Florida state fair grounds for ethics
training. All 4 -H leaders are now trained to host training. All 4-H leaders are now trained to host
our own ethics training for our kids to be able to our own ethics training for our kids to be able to
show at all state fairs. On the 12th we had our high sprits horse club, the members got to have free riding time in the warm up pen at the rodeo grounds.
Now, we are into the middle of the month,
and it's time for us leaders to start getting ready and it's time for us leaders to start getting ready
for our members to purchase their market project animals for the South Florida Fair So, we are cleaning up all the barns, getting ready for the new swine. On Oct. 17 the steer club had the second weigh-in; all members are doing a great job getting their projects ready for
 the show and sale. All steers are gaining weight
like they should be and all members were able
to walk their projects pretty we had the BC 4-H arts/crafts and cooking club.

> Dalton Koenes loads up his steer to get its hooves trimmed.


Photo above, Valholly Frank rides in the warm up pen. Photo above right, Big Cypress swamp snappers on their safari photo shoot. Right photo,
Crafty Cooking Club makes some cool pot holder. Shotos by Crystal Burkett-Wilcox


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## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS



Tribal citizen and Army Veteran Stephen Bowers leads the Color Guard carrying the American flag.

Brighton Honors Veterans at Second Annual Veterans Day Celebration

## $\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

BRIGHTON - Past and present veterans wer annual Veterans' Day celebration.
The celebration was held at the Brighton Veter ans' Building and included the entire community as
well as the Brighton Preschool and Brighton Chater well as the Brighton Preschool and Brighton Charter
School. "This is part of our culture," said Stephen Bower exposed to the fact that certain members of their family may be a veteran."
Florida Seminole Veterans President John Wayne
Huff Sr. was the emcee for the cerent Huff Sr. was the emcee for the ceremony and wel-
comed everyone for coming and celebrating a day that comed everyone for coming and celebrating a day that
is very dear to him, having served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. go to others and see the this early so our veterans can go to others and see the other gyys," Huff
gards to holding their celebration a week
United States Army Veteran Wonder Johns gave the invocation before Army
Veteran Stephen Bowers led the Seminole Tribe Color Guard.
The Brighton Preschool took the stage for the pledge of allegiance leading the au-
dience first in English and then in their Na dience first in English and then in
tive Creek language.
Brighton Tribal member and Seminole Start Search winner Salina Dorgan sang the National Anthem bringing the entire auditorium into applauds.
Prior to the ceremony Pe Prior to the ceremony Pemayetv Ema-
hakv's middle school students in language hakv's middle school students in language
arts classes participated in an essay contest arts classes participated in an essay contest
on topics pertaining to veterans. The winon topics pertaining to veterans. The win-
ners from each grade took to the podium to read their essays.
Sixth grade winner Trevor Thomas
spoke on how students can honor veteran Thomas encouraged people through his


Seminole Tribe Veterans take a moment to remember how they fought for their country's freedom.
supplies to soldiers overseas just to let them know that nam Veterans of America Florida State Council and is
we, as Americans, are thankful for all that they are a U.S. Army Veteran.
we, as Americans, are thankful for all that they are a U.S. Army Veteran.
doing for us. doing for us.
In seventh grade there was tie between Kailin
heroes," "I fumphries said.
Brown and Boyd Brown. Their essay topic was on
Humphries told a very powerful story about an Brown and Boyd Brown. Their essay topic was on Aumphries told a very powerful story about an
whether veterans should be respected. Kailin Brown spoke about her two grandfathers turned back from war injured and homeless. He spoke who both served in the military.
"They are and forever will be my heroes," she of how this particular soldier lost the will to live and
turned to drugs and alcohol "They are and forever will be my heroes," she turned to drugs and alcohol.
Eighth grade winner Tatiana Herrera spoke on eventually got help and went into how the soldie Eighth grade winner Tatiana Herrera spoke on eventual ly got help and went into a treatment center
what could happen if no one were willing to serve in and the VA granted him 100 percent disability, giving our military. Herrera left the audience with two very him hope once again.
important words, "What if?"
Dignitaries and royalty were welcomed to the Humphries story I just told you was about me," Dignitaries and royalty were welcomed to the Humphries shared. "One homeless veteran is too
stage to thank the veterans for their hard work and many." stage to thank the veterans for their hard work and many."
their gift of freedom. Chairman Mitchell Cypress and $\quad$ Tribal citizen and Director of Education Emma their gift of freedom. Chairman Mitchell Cypress and $\begin{gathered}\text { Tribal citizen and Director of Education Emma } \\ \text { President Richard Bowers Jr. came to Brighton to }\end{gathered}$ Johns conducted the roll call of present veterans and show their appreciation. Brighton invited guest speaker Ben L. Humphries $\begin{gathered}\text { Taps was played followed by Pastor Matthewe Ti- } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { to speak. Humphries is the first vice president of Viet- }\end{gathered}$ ger giving the final prayer concluding the ceremony. Brighton invited guest speaker Ben L. Humphries
speak. Humphries is the first vice president of Viet


The entire auditorium in the Brighton Veterans' Building stands in honor of all past, present and future veterans.

Brighton Preschoolers lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance first in English then in their native Creek language


Seventh grader Kailin
Brown speaks about her grandfathers, one being Tribal, serving
in the military. in the military.


The Charter School sings "This Land is Your Land" in Creek.

## - VETERANS

From page 1A


Steven


Seminole War Veteran Dan Bowers, center, is presented with a specially-made U.S. Marine Corps blanket at the 23 rd Annual Veterans Day Celebration in Big Cypress on Nov. 9. ation," Dan Bowers said. "I'm
thankful to Stephen and all of the Tribal leaders. All of the veterans here, they're like famveterans here, they re like fam-
ily to me. I'm just so happy to Dan Bowers talked about how he entered the U.S. Ma-
rines and the challenges that rines and the
came with it.
"When you get in the ser"" Dan Bowers said. "You do," Dan Bowers said. "You it. I wasn't prepared for comit. I wasn $t$ prepared for com-
munications because my worst subject in school was English But they trained me so hard Being a wireman in radio it dull moment."
Following Following Dan Bowers,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { speech, he received a Veter? } \\
& \text { and a U.S. Marines blanket }
\end{aligned}
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brother to me."
Almost immediately after President that he was acknowledged for his servicBowers' words, Dan Bowers came up to his health to fight for our country. It was speak, with his family accompanying him. really touching for me to hear the stories of "I feel humbled about this whole situ- his brothers and how he touched their lives


Semino Tide Lia rs, left, and Veteran Ho Veteran Affairs stephen D. Bow ers, left, and Veteran Honoree
ans Day Celebration attendees.
U.S. Marines blank Danette Bowers, the daughter of Dan Danette Bowers said of him. "He's a me, Bowers, spoke of her father's honor and mento of our time.
what the significance of it was.


Dale Oldhorn of the Crow Tribe is the master of ceremonies for the 23rd annual Veterans Day Celebration in Big Cypress


## Memories Abound in Veterans Day Remembrance Walk

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - The clear and brisk morning of Nov. 9 gave way to a group of
walkers taking time out of their day to priciwalk in the Veterans Day Remembrance Walk.
pate As part of the Seminole Pathways sec-
ond walking season, participants took to the ond walking season, participants took to the
Big Cypress Fitness Trail and walked three Big Cypress Fitness Trail and walked three
laps in honor of the living and deceased war laps in honor or
veterans.
Big Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo
Tiger, who took part in the walk, spent much of his early morning reminiscing on the life and times of the late Seminole war veteran
Herbert Cypress.
Herbert Cypress.
Tiger said he also walked on the fitness Tiger said he also walked on the fitness
trail for his half-brother, Raymond Gonzalez, who served in the Vietnam War's tank division. "I have the utmost respect for any war vet that has fought for my freedom and livelihood," Tiger said. "A lot of us Tribal kids
grew up back in the day with military leadergrew up back in the day with military leader-
ship. Our leaders taught us to be respectable

of who we are as Seminoles."
Tiger recalled of a time in his younger Tiger recalled of a time in his younger
days when Hebert Cypress, a World War II
veteran, went overseas to fight for the United veteran, went overseas to fight for the United
States in Germany. According to Tiger, Her-
bert Cypress bert Cypress stopped at a lemon tree one day to pick up a lemon for the Councilman's fam-
ily. Herbert Cypress's lemon, which origi-
nally came from Germany, is now nally came from Germany, is now a sprawl
ing lemon tree in Tiger's family yard. ing "That meant so much to our family back then and it still does now," Tiger said. "The lemon tree keeps growing strong. For that
and much more, Herbert's still in my heart Big Cypress Wellness Coordinator Edna was part of the Seminole Pathways weekly
was walking series and the 23rd annual Big Cypress Veterans Day Celebration, which took
place a few hours after the walk place a few hours after the walk.
McDuffie added that she was pleased McDuffie added that she was pleased
with the turnout, as individuals from the with the turnout, as individuals from the
Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee Reserva-
tions took part in
the Veterans Day Walk. "It's
We see the whole Tribe supporting
McDuffie "I'm glad people
came came out to enjoy
the walk. We want the walk. We want
to remember the
ones that fought for us and those that The Veteran's Day Remembrance Walk participants begin their first of three laps around the Big Cypress Fitness Trail. today. We love our military guys."



- More photos from the Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo in Davie



Left photo, Tribal citizen and Army Veteran Stephen Bowers, second from left, leads the Color Guard, joined by Miss Rodeo Jewel Buck and Jr. Miss Rodeo Mailani Perez. Photo above, President
Richard Bowers Jr. rides the horse carriage next to Bobby Frank.


President Richard Bowers Jr. watches the rodeo next to John Davis, Director of Member Relations for
the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Davis came from his home state Oregon to attend the event.


The Southeastern Circuit Rodeo, organized Nov. 4,5 and 6 at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds in Davie, opens with flag ceremonies


Shelli Tiger sings the National Anthem at the opening of the South eastern Circuit Rodeo.

Breast Cancer Awareness Testimonies Are Part of Employees' Birthday Luncheon
 ager Suzanne Davis discusses breast cancer precautions
as part of birthday luncheon as part of birthday luncheon
festivities and Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held at the Tribal headquarters in Hollywood Oct. 27. The
Health Department provided Health Department provided
free literature, raffles and
prizes, as well as encouraged prizes, as well as encouraged
testimonies from breast cancer survivors. Right photo,
Dianna Brantley talks about Dianna Brantley talks about
her breast cancer scare in her breast cancer scare in
front of fellow Tribal employees and friends.


Adult Vocational Program Brings Positive Changes


Ron Ward, left, and Steve Young, of the Hollywood Recreation Department, work in the garden.


Former Florida State University football star William Floyd helps out in the vegetable garden, as part of the Recreation 4-H harvest
program. program.

Hollywood Recreation Department and 4-H Begin Harvest Program for Youth


## RED RIBBON WEEK




The Big Cypress seniors show off their athletic skills riding their tricycles at the Red Ribbon Week Parade on Oct. 22

## RED RIBBON WEEK RESULTS

Billboard Poster Display Contest - Oct. 19 (yiess Councilman's Office, 2. Big Cypress Education Department, 3. Big Cy

Amazing Youth and Teen Race - Oct. 20
Youth Race: 1. Team Red - Talia Billie, Charlie Osceola, Leilani Gopher, Eyanna Billie Les Gopher and Carlee Billie; 2. Team Bruple (brown \& purple) - Elijiah Cook, Destiny C press, Dayra Koenes, Trinity Williams, Edie Robbins, Evanne Pratt and Harmony Cypress 3. Team Black - Athena Bert, Lauren Doctor, Liberty Robbins, Kylen Jumper, Janessa Jones and Alyssa Osceola. Teen Race: 1. Team Green - Leandra Rodriguez, Rheannon Robbins, Oshanne Cypress
and Natalia Martinez; 2. Team Yellow - Sabre Billie, Susie Jim and Caitlin Cypress; Team Orange - Leauna Billie, Savannah Tiger, Reagan Whitecloud and Tyrus Billie.

Poster and Essay Contest - Oct. 21
Posters: 1. Chynna Villareal, 2. Alyssa Osceola, 3. Mazzy Robbins Essays: 1. Savannah Tiger, 2. Ashley Escobar, 3. Ryan Cypress,

Red Ribbon Week Parade Float Contest - Oct. 22 1. Housing Department, 2. Big Cypress Preschool, 3. 3. Big Cypress Councilman's Office . Big Cypress Community Center, 5. Rock Mining Departmen


Big Cypress Tribal elder Claudia Doc tor was one of the three judges fo the Red Ribbon Week's Poster and
Essay Contest on Oct. 21 at the Family Investment Center's Learning Resource Room


The Big Cypre Ribbon Week on Oct. 18 .

## Tribal Citizen's Confession in an Encouragement Towards a Drug-Free Life

BY JUDY WEEKS
The first part of Seminole Tribal Citizen Geraldine ceola's life closely resembles that of many other people ho have made some bad choices that adversely affected their alth and family relations. However, during the last 12 years the Immokalee residen
successfully turned her life around and she wants everydy to know that it is possible.
 Geraldine Osceola with two of her five daughters, Char-
lie and Jordan, who have given her purpose and the will power to take control of her life.
one of my daughters were born and stopped just one week
before a second birth. I didn't really want to do it but I just beouldn't stop. It was hard on the rez and temptation was all couldn't stop. It was Her children made her want to take the first steps toward sobriety, she said.
"They say that you have to be clean for yourself, but that
came later for me. My kids were my motivation and I came later for me. My kids were my motivation and I en-
tered myself in a rehab," she said. "They gave me the there, but I didn't use them and before seven months, I had there, but I didn t use them and before seven months, I had
relapsed."
The second time Geraldine tried to quit was even harder, The second time Geraldine tried to quit was even harder,
she said. "I had all the excuses down pat. It didn't help that my
husband was a user also. I was a co-dependent fighting my husband was a user also. I was a co-dependent, fighting my
addiction everyday. I felt like I had tension and pressure comaddiction everyday. I felt like I had tension and pressure com-
ing at me from all sides. The only time I was able to mellow out was when I was nursing my babies and that gave me inner
peace."
Wanting to fulfill her lifelong dream to get an education, Geraldine enrolled in school. "Somehow the pressure was more than I could handle Maryland." She said she thought leaving would change everyMhing, but it didn't because she took all the problems with her. "It was so hard! I was studying for a degree in chemical dependency counseling and I had my girls to raise. My husband was still using and we finally split up for a year, because I couldn't take it anymore and I had become an enabler for his addiction."
Driven and motivated, Geraldine buried herself in her
studies and managed to make the dean's list every semester "My husband got help, we reconciled and I got my degree. But my life was still not complete. I was lonely and there's no place like home." Geraldine and her husband moved back to Florida where
she is dedicating her life to their five children she is dedicating her life to their five children and helping oth-
ers with chemical dependencies "I am 12 years sober, but I am not going to fool you. I am an addict and I still seek help when I need it. I recognize the signs and symptoms and know when I need my therapist to clean the skeletons out of my closet," she said. One of the most important pieces of advice from Geral-
dine is to believe in a power greater and to set goals one day dine is to believe in a power greater and to set goals one day
at a time. "I am
ly Services. If you make the right choice, tomorrow could be the first day of!" rest of your life and you won't regret it. Do


A close knit family atmosphere prevails within the Naples Community. The Juanita Osceola Center provides culture, education and recreational programs throughout the year to build defenses against abuse. In com-

Naples Marks Red Ribbon Week as a Family



Naples Cultural Specialist Jessica Osceola and her sister Marissa interact welcome tourists who visit the Youth Craft Booth

## RED RIBBON WEEK

## Hollywood Tribal Citizens Come Together in the Fight Against Addictions



Hollywood preschool staff, youth and special guest McGruff, the Crime Dog, participate in a community marcl around the reservation in celebration of annual Red Ribbon Week festivities.

 and Sarah Descheene show off their art work to kick off annual Red Ribbon festivities on the Hollywood Reservation on Oct. 12. A winning poster is chosen each year and T-shirts are created on the reserva-
tions. The event is in collaboration with the national tions. The event in in collaboration with the national Red Ribbon Week
celebration. This year's national thime was "I lam Drug Fre"" celebration. This year's national theme was "I am Drug Free

Michael Tiger plays the drums, while Anissa Osceola has fun on the guitar, both accompanied by Family Se employee Eric Bricker, left, and Boys \& Girls Club Music Coordintor James Payne, as part of Ped Pibhorvices .


Mariah Bowers, left, and Family Services Prevention Specialist K. C. Cul-
lins put the finishing touches on her Red Ribbon Week poster.


Mary Gay Osceltris C. Jenkins the paper flowers and decothe paper flowers and decovian and Neo Osceola.


Ollie Wareham plays the "Tigers Song," before enchanting the audience with a new story, "The Skeleton Lady."


Alexus Jumper, left, and Sarah Descheene put the finishing touches on decorating their pots, as part of Plant
a Promise Red Ribbon Week festivities.


Young and old came out in the streets enjoying a sunny day and a drug-free community.
Brighton Community Takes A Stand Against Drugs


Brighton community marches to promote a drug-free environment.


Gage Riddle decorates not only his Ribbon poster but also his face with paint.

BRIGHTON -The Brigh ton community kicked off their against drugs with their traditional march throughout the com munity October 18. Throughout and nightly events and speakers were put on for Tribal youngsters and adults who were interested in participating. Left photo, Canadian speaker Kevin very powerful story of how his his life forever by becoming paralyzed and having to spend the est of his life in a wheelchair. Rachel Buxton

Red Ribbon Week Activities in Immokalee Educate and Entertain


Family Services constructed their Red Ribbon float with the assistance of Immokalee youth, who based the theme on families having fun together.


Box car driver Eva Nunez takes to the track at the Red Ribbon
500 at the Immokalee Casino while her pitcrew wait $f$ to trade


A shaving cream battle eventually ended up under the fir A shaving cream battie eventualiy ended up
hose for a rinse at the Immokalee Ball Field.


The winning float in the Immokalee Red Ribbon parade was constructed by the Seminole Youth Ranch and the Immokalee Council. Representing choice encounters, they depicted death, jail or a drug free lifestyle.

Fort Pierce Promotes a Drug-Free Community
 winner of the T -shirt decorating contes


FORT PIERCE - Fort Pierce celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a variety of Drug Fhupco Ranch with Tribal youth participating in the annual Red Ribbon T-shirt design competition, while the adults decorated
their front doors competing for first place their front doors competing for first place. speakers Misty Rummage from the Drug Abuse Treatment Association and the Seminole Police Department's own Crime Pr drug-related topics - Rachel Buxton

United They Stand:
Tampa Office Supports Red Ribbon Week


## HALLOWEEN BRINGS FUN ON ALL RESERVATIONS

## Young and Old Go Trick-or-Treating in Big Cypress



Big Cypress youngsters Even Cypress, left, dresses as a bumat the reservation's Trick-or-Treat festivities.


Nia Cypress, 12, left, spends some Halloween time with Landel Osceola-Turtie, 2 , as she dresses her younger cousin
up for the Oct. 30 Halloween Trick-or-Treat festivities in Big ready to travel house-to-house with his cousin.
Big Cypress Community Celebrates Halloween


The Big Cypress Seniors Division line up for comat the Big Cypress Softball Field


The Big Cypress Education's booth was one of the st
29 .


Big Cypress Tribal youngster GraySun Billie wore an Iron Man costume at the Halloween Carniva on Oct. 29.

BIG CYPRESS HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - RESULTS

## Costume Contest

## Scariest

Ages 0-2: 1. Clayton Green, 2. Silas Billie, 3. Curtis Motlow; Ages 3-5: 1. Jose Puente, 2. Lazzlow Billie, 3. Layla Billie; Ages 6-8: 1. Andrew Bowers Jr., 2. Charlie Osceola, 3. Elyse Alvarado; Ages 9-11 1. Cameron Osceola, 2. Alyssa Osceola, 3. Janessa Jones; Ages 1214: 1. Julian Billie, 2. Caitlin Cypress, 3. Joel Arroyo; Ages 15-18: 1. Stevie Billie, 2. RickyJo Alumbaugh, 3. Rowdey Osceola; Ages 19-49: 1. Johnnie Jimmie, 2. Marlon Tommie, 3. Lee Jumper; Ages 50 and up: 1. Ronnie Billie Sr., 2. Lucille Jumper, 3. Violet Jim
Ages 0-2: 1. King Calisce, 2. Clinton Billie, 3. Major Anderson; Ages 3-5: 1. Cashis Jumper, 2. Lucee Cypress, 3. Madasyn Osceola; Ages 6-8: 1. Ko'Oshee Henry, 2. Ricardo Rodriguez, 3. Willie Smith Jr.; Ages 9-11: 1. Eliza Billie, 2. Alonzo Wargolet, 3. John Robbins; Ages 12-14: 1. Sarah Osceola, 2. Cypress Billie, 3. Kiana Bell; Ages 15-18: 1. Jason Melton, 2. Kahna Jumper, 3. Jean Capricien; Ages 19-49: 1. Rudy Osceola, 2. Janice Osceola, 3. Esther Buster. Prettiest
Ages 0-2: 1. Cassidi Motlow, 2. Miah Osceola, 3. Kai Tommie; Ages 3-5: 1. Johnnie Sue Russell, 2. AbbieGale Green, 3. Aaliyah Billie; Ages 6-8: 1. Illiana Robbins, 2. Arissa Cypress, 3. Brandi Osceola; Ages 9-11: 1. Zoey Puente, 2. Thomlynn Billie, 3. Mariah Smith; Ages Ages 15-18: 1. Kristen Billie, 2. Chassidy Harjochee, 3. Nauthkee Ages 15-18: 1. Kristen Bilie, 2. Chassiay Harjochee, 3. Nauthkee
Henry; Ages 19-49: 1 . Juanalupe ina Frias, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. JoJo Osceola; Ages 50 and up: 1. Louise Osceola, 2. Stephen Jim, Delores Jumper.
Family
Virginia Garcia-Sanders, 2. Melissa Billie, 2. Ervina Capricien.
King

1. Delores Jumper.
Arm Wrestling Contest
Men's Heavyweight Division - $\mathbf{2 0 0}$ lbs. and up: 1. Charlie Cypress; Nomen's Midaleweight Division - 151-199 bis... Terin 1 . Cypres Women's Lightweight Division - $\mathbf{1 5 0} \mathrm{lbs}$. and below: 1. Juanalupe Nina fias.

Egg Toss Contest
Ages 17 and under: 1. Kristen Billie/Danni Tommie, 2. Cypress Billie/ Reagan WhiteCloud, 3. Alyssa Osceola/Kaitlin Osceola; Ages 18 and older: 1. Melissa Billie/Charlie Osceola, 2. Janice Osceola/Beverly Alumbaugh, 3. Bobbie Billie/Kaylynn Pewo.

Pumpkin Painting Contest
Ages 0-5: 1. Borylas Blaze Sirota, 2. Jaylee Cypress; Ages 6-10: 1. Alyssa Osceola, 2. Shana Balentine, 3. Janessa Jones; Ages 11-17: Kaitlin Osceola, 2. Uriah Waggerby, 3. Tyrus Billie.

## Big Cypress Library Celebrates Halloween with Colorful Pumpkin Painting Contest



Big Cypress Seniors Enjoy Halloween Party

##  <br> Halloween Party Results Pumpkin Contest Mabel Jim, 2. Stephen Jim, 3. Alice Tigertail, 4. Edna M MDDuffie, 5. Lottie Jim. Viostem Jim, Contest- Louise Osceolinesta, 3 . Minnie Tigertail. <br> Costume Contest - Most Origina Minnie Tigertail, 2. Alice Tigertail, 3. Carol Cypress. Contume Cost - Scariest 1. Rudy Osceola, 2. Esther Buster, 3. Janice Osceola. <br> Big Cypress Youth Decorate Pumpkin Paintings



## Brighton Gets Festive with Many Halloween Parties

BRIGHTON - Brighton kept the Halloween nity filled the soft-
festivities going all week beginning Oct. 27 with the ball field Oct. 30 for festivities going all week beginning Oct. 27 with the ball field Oct. 30 for
preschool trick or treating held in the gym. Different the annual Brighton


Keenan Jones throws a pie in the face of $4-1$ members at their fund-
 Even t.
pete. loween party Oct.
28 with a costum. with a costume Bingo and raffles.
The entire commu-

## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { departments from } \\ \text { the Brighton Reser- } & \text { Halloween Carnival } \\ \text { set with a variety }\end{array}$ the Brighton Reser- set up with a variety vation participated of booths of activi-

 handing out candy ties to participateto the little ones, in including a dunk The seniors con- tank, cake auction
The litle ones. in including a dunk tinued the celebra- football punt, bastion with their Hal- ketball toss, wall veral rounds of contest was also

## held for all

 er Chairman James Billie.
reschoolers show no fear as they tour the haunted section of the $g$.
beings.

## Hollywood Seniors Celebrate Halloween with Entertaining Contests



## HALLOWEEN BRINGS FUN ON ALL RESERVATIONS

## Fort Pierce Celebrates Halloween with Fall Festival Annual Fall Harvest Festival Celebrates Halloween



Shamariya Tommie, 6, finds her prize in the needle in a haystack
fun station.


Harmony Tommie, 2 , is ready to
win the costume judges over.

ves that face paint


Shaky Tommie, 3, takes center stage during the youth costume contest.


Big Cypress Preschoolers Go Trick-or-Treating at Halloween Party


Costume Contest Results Infants: 1. Bryson Billie, 2. David Joe, 3 .
MMahayla Billie: Mohayla Billie;
1-year-olds: 1 .
1-year-olds: 1. Tatum Billie, 2. David Joe, 3 2-year-old
2-year-olds: 1. Kyngston Sanders, 2. Tia Billie,
3-year-olds: 1. Solomon Cypress, 2. Darwin
3-year-01ds.
Brooks, 3. Emma Dicarlo.


Darwin Brooks, 3, makes scare at the Preschool's Trick-or-Treat Halloween party with
his werewolf costume.


In conclusion of the Oct. 28 Trick-or-Treat Halloween party, the Big Cypress preschoolers make a rush to the floor as they find out that an allotment of candy falls out of the pumpkin piñata, which

## Hollywood Preschoolers Celebrate Halloween




Patricia Stirrup, far right, Recreation Youth Center CounselPatricia Stirrup, far right, Recreation Youth Center Counselhallway as part of Halloween festivities Oct. 29 at the Hollywood Recreation Center. Members of Seminole Police Department, Fire Rescue, Education and the Senior Center also participated in the event.

Naples' Halloween Features Creative Costumes


Homer Simpson congratulates Marge, a.k.a. Connie Slavik, for
winning the Most Original Costume Contest at the Naples Haltume Contest
loween Party.


Nicole Slavik contemplates her Nicole Slavik contemplates her
next pool shot during the Naples
Halloween activities.

NAPLES HALLOWEEN CONTEST BABIES: 1. Amelia Zepeda, 2. Ewanteke Roberts, 3. Thanohke Roberts. YOUNGER CHILDREN: 1. Kaley Zepeda, 2. Samantha Frank, 3. Nicole Slavik, 4. Justin OLDER CHILDREN: 1. Mari Veliz, 2. Alexus Slavik, 3. Samantha Veliz.
COUPLES: 1. Jessica Osceola \& Ben Velasco, Lenore Roberts \& Nelson Macelroy. PRETTIEST: Karie Jo osceola.
SCARIEST: SCARIEST: Naomi Walden MOST ORIGINAL: Connie Slavik


Eighteen-to-49-year-old contestants show off their cos tumes for the judges during the 32nd annual Fall Harvest
Festival held at the Hollywood softball fields Oct. 30. The revtival hear at the Hollywood softball fields Oct. 30. The
event featured foods, games, kids bounce houses, a haunted event featured foods, games, kids bounce houses, a hau
house, costume contest and pumpkin carving contest.

## IMMOKALEE HALLOWEEN CONTEST RESULTS



Matthew Osceola Jr. shows off zombie costume as the winner


Tribal senior Charlene Hunsinger as the cross-dress king win ner.
Immokalee Marks Halloween with Various and Fun Contests




First place winner in the 2-to Susan Davis' artistic talents 4-year-old category for cutest, earned her a irrst place in the Hal$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Remy Rodriguez said, "A lady } \\ \text { bug is good luck!" } & \begin{array}{l}\text { loween Cake Decorating Contes } \\ \text { in Immokalee. }\end{array}\end{array}$

rom right, Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie's outstandin pirate costume competed with a beautiful devil, Hortencia Yzaguirre. contest for originality.

Tampa Community Embraces Halloween Fun


PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
0 to 5: 1. Jaila Yzaguirre, 2. Rain Cypress, 3. Le3. Alycia Mora 13-17.1 Vanessa Billie 2 Solena 3. Alycia Mora. 13-17:1. Vanessa Bilie, 2. Selena Billie, 2. Ralph Escobar, 3. Randy Osceola. CAKE DECORATING CONTEST:

1. Susan Davis
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: CUTEST 0-1:1.IIsis Rodriguez, 2. Manuel Garza, 3. Blake Osceola-Bilie. 2-4: 1. Remy Rodriguez, 2. Natan
Jackson-Billie-Giovana, 3. Angelina Yzaguirre. 5-Jackson-Bilie-Giovana, 3. Angeeina Yzaguirre. 5 - 8 . Miah Davis, 2. Madison Martinez, 3. Makayla Mata. 9-12. 1. Cartaya Billie, 2. Destinee Jimmie 3. Randee Osceola. 13-17:1. Jade Tapia, 2. Vanessa Billie, 3. Alexis Jimmie. 18-35: 1. Esmeralda 36-54: 1. Geraldine Osceola, 2. Sylvia Marrero, 3 Susan Davis. Seniors: 1. Ruth Osceola, 2. Nancy Motlow.
FUNNIEST:
0-1. 1. Isis Rodriguez, 2. Aubrey Rodriguez, 3
Elijah Yzaguirre. 2-4. 1. Frederico Martinez Elijah Yzaguirre. 2-4. 1. Frederico Martinez, 2.
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36-54:1. Gale Boone. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow. 36-54: 1. Gale Boone. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow.
SCARIEST: 2-4:1. Kazmir Joiner, 2. Frederico Martinez, 3.
Denise Gonzalez, 5-8: 1. K.J. Davis, 2. Madison Martinez, 3. Marina Garcia. 9-12: 1. Jon Jimmie, Zephaniah Roberts, 3. Damion Escobar. 13-17. Alexis Jimmie, 2. Ashley Faz. 18-35: 1. Cassandra
Jimmie, 2. Allen Michael Venzor, 3. Juanita Martinez. 36-54: 1. Gale Boone, 2. Geraldine Osceola. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow.
MOST CREATIVE
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Osceola. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow.

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## Education



Big Cypress Library Assistant Melissa Silva, left, watchs Harmony Cypress, center, and Willie Smith, showing off their Tribal rainsticks, made out of brown craft paper, feathers, beads, jute, pipe cleaners, cardboard tubes and cardboard circles, all glued and taped together. Hosted by Big Cypress Library Assistant Melissa Silva, the Nov. 3 Native American The workshop was held at the Willie E. Frank Library in Big Cypress.

## Big Cypress Library Staff Hosts Native American Arts and Crafts Workshop



Wille Smith ques on Thi Tobias
Willie Smith glues on the rainstick top so he datd place the cardboard circle


Eviiiah Cook 6 , and Big Cypress Library Director Barbara Oeffner are gluing a Tribal rainstick as they get set to wrap it in place.


From left, Willie Smith 7, Janessa Jones, 9 , and Harmony Cypress, 6, are holding up a Native American Triba rainstick.

Tribal Students Attend College Fair


Tribal Education Department staff and Tribal senior students representing several of the reservations, get together for the 2010 National College Fair Exposition, held at the Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center on Nov. 4. The event had dozens of college recruiters and staff on hand targeting grades seventh through 12 th from Broward and Dade counties, and also had a college a
career planning center specializing in programs for college prep, ACT, SAT and student aide.
 College Fair student and staff attendees from the Ahfachkee School of the Big Cypress Reservation.


Victoria Lacey, center, of Hollywood, and Quen-
ton Cypress, right, of Big Cypress,
discuss with a rediscuss with a re-
cruiter from lona College of New


BRIGHTON — Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School held their end-of-the-nine-weeks BRIGHTON - Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School held their end-of-the-nine-weeks
award ceremony Oct. 29 in the Breezeway of the school. Students in each grade level received awards for their culture class achievements along with awards for their academic achievement in their regular scheduled classes. Some students got festive and dressed up for Halloween resembling an array of characters. Pictured above are first grade Effort Award recipients for culture class.-Rachel Buxton


Middle school culture class Effort Award recipients.
 Middle school st,
first nine weeks.

## Brighton's Charter School

Awards Students for First Nine Weeks Achievement


# Ahfachkee School Honors Students at End-of-First-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony 



Ahfachkee School Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Miss Kristen Stoots, left, and Principal Mr. Walter Swan, celebrate
with the pre-K Councilman's and President's Honor Roll Recipients at the End-of-First-Nine-Week Awards Cer emony in the cafeteria on Nov. 8.



Fifth grade students from the Ahfachkee School were presented certificates in the Councilman's and President's Honor Roll Categories. The students celebrate their accomplishments with Principal Mr. Walter Swan, top left, Teacher Ms. Bar-
bara Clarke, top center, and Instructional Aide Ms. Hope Baker.


The Ahfachkee School's fourth-graders were recognized for their academic achievements accompanied by fourth grade teacher Miss Jessica Schmidt, top
left, Instructional Aide Tricia Reis, top center, and left, Instructional Aide Tricia Reis
Principal Walter Swan, top right.

END-OF-FIRST-NINE-WEEKS
STUDENT HONOREES
Note: All award winners are listed in alphabeti-
cal order cal order
Traditional Preservation Award Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Casey Ball, 2. Aaliyah Billie, 3. Ezekiel Billie, 4. Jody Cabral, Jr., 5. Peggy Sue
Cypress, 6. Phoenix Kimble, 7. Dyami Koenes 8 . Cypress, , 6. Phoeni Kimble, 1. Dyami Koenes, 8 .
Adam MacEroy, Madasyn Osceola, 10. Tristen Osceola, 11. Kassiah Robbins, 12. Sarah Robbins,
13. Johnnie Sue Russell 13. Johnnie Sue Russel
14. Tony "TC" Sanchez, Kaley Zepeda.
Kindergarten: 1. Anthony Avalos, 2. Cyiah Avila, 3 Dayne Billie, 4. Keaton Billie, 5. Lazzlow Billie, 6 . Tanoke Billie, ,7.Alisa Brooks, 8. Evol Buck, 9. Ak Cabral, 10. Ja'vian Cypress, 11. Jaylee Cypress,
12. Barbara Jimmie, 13. Keithana Onco, 14. Migu Reynosa, 15. Dylan Robbins, 16. Grace Robbins, 17. Illiana Robbins, 18. Andrea Ryland, 19. Xzavier Solano, 20. Kassim Stockton Jr., 21. Jalee Wilcox. 1st Grade: 1. Athena Bert, 2. Sontino Billie, 3. Leviticus Buster, 4. Harmony Cypress, 5. Ko'Oshe
Henry, 6. Ramona Jimmie, 7. Daylon Osceola, 8 . Henry, 6. Ram
Edie Robbins.
Edie Robbins.
2nd Grade: 1. Dillon Ball, 2. Elijiah Cook, 3. Precious Jimmie, 4. Charlie Osceola, 5. Leo OsceolaOnco, 6. Gregorio Reynosa, 7. Liberty Robbins, 8 . Amaya Solano. 3rd Grade: 1. Carlee Billie, 2. RedHeart Billie, 3. Elise Brown, 4. Ricky Garza, 5. Craig Huckabee,
Alena Stockton.
4th Grade: 1. Isaiah Alvarado, 2. Eliza Billie, 3. Jazmine Billie, 4. Thomlynn Billie, 5. Destiny Cy-
press, 6. Mya Cypress, 7. Myron Cypress, 8. Crystal Garcia, 9. Leslie Gopher, 10. Katrina Huggins, 11. Bradin Jim, 12. Janessa Jones, 13. Chaska Osceo-
la, 14. Evanne Pratt, 15. Mazzy Robbins, 16. Carlos la, 14. Evanne Pratt, 15. Mazzy Robbins, 16. Carlos
Romero, 17. Mariah Smith, 18. Chynna Villarreal 5th Grade: 1. Elisah Billie, 2. Troy Cantu, 3. Dayra Koenes, 4. Ryanne Pratt, 5. Alyssa Osceola. 6th Grade: 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Roderick Bert, 3

Corbin
gerby.
Councilman's Honor Roll (3.00-3.49 GPA) - ALL GRADES

1. RickyJoe Alumbaugh, 2. Roderick Bert, 3. Carlee Billie, 7. GraySun Billie, 8. Sabre' Billie, 9. Jalycia Billie-Valdez, 10. Troy Cantu, 11. Lauren Doctor, 12. Crystal Garcia, 13. Marina Garcia, 14. Leilani Gopher, 15. Leslie Gopher, 16. Nauthkee Henry 17. Alison Herrera, 18. Janessa Jones, 19. Haden Littlebear, 20. Rosalinda "Mika" Lopez, 21. Cale
Osceola, 22. Chaska Osceola, 23. Daleen Osceola 24. Gregorio Reynosa, 25. John Robbins, 26. Mariah Smith, 27. Wiillie Smith, 28. Chynna Villar-
real 29. Uriah Waggerby, 30. Reagan Whitecloud real, 29. Uriah Waggerby, 30. Reagan Whitecloud, 31. Trinity Williams.

Presidents Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA) - ALL 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Nicholus Andrews, 3. Ethan Balentine, 4. Athena Bert, 5. Leauna Billie, 6. Sontino Billie, 7. Thomlynn Billie, 8. Elise Brown, 9. Leviticus Buster, 10. Elijiah Cook, 11. Destiny Cypress, 12. Harmony Cypress, 13. Nashoba Gon
zalez, 14. Ko'Oshee Henry, 15. Ramona Jimmie 16. K'ahna Jumper, 17. Dayra Koenes, 18. Alyssa Osceola, 19. Brandi Osceola, 20. Charlie Osceola, 21. Daylon Osceola, 22. Kaitlin Osceola, 24. Leo
Osceola-Onco, 25. Tia Osborne, 26. Evanne Pratt, Osceola-Onco, 25. Tia Osborne, 26. Evanne Pratt, 27. Ryanne Pratt, 28. Edie Robbins, 29. Amaya
Solano, 30. Savannah Tiger, 31. Tequesta Tiger, 32 Solano, 30. Savannah Tiger, 31. Tequesta Tiger
Chyler Villarreal, 33. Annabelle Whiteshield.

Perfect Attendance - ALL GRADES 1. Jonah Alvarado, 2. Ethan Balentine, 3. Corbin Billie, 4. Sontino Billie, 5. Elise Brown, 6. Nashoba Gonzalez, 7. Annabelle Whiteshield.

Noteworthy Attendance - ALL GRADES 1. Jalen Cypress, 2. Bradley
Osceola, 4. Savannah Tiger.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Awards Students for First Nine Weeks Achievements

Kindergarten Effort
Terald Garner Terald Garner
Jrayko Billie
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## Health

Immokalee Community Strives for a Healthier Lifestyle
$\xrightarrow{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}$
Freelance Reporter
IMMOKALEE - Residents of the


Families like Johnnie Jimmie's were inspired to form teams to compete in the immokalee Red hibbon Scavens.
over the reservation hunting for clues.
a healthier, happier lifestyle one day at a tal and spiritual challenges
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community members working together like one big family.
"Fitness can be
defined by learning to cope with the many as-


Immokalee's Culture Department teaches more than Seminole arts and crafts. Their mission is to Judy Week Immokalee's Culture Department teaches more than Seminole arts and crafts. Their mission is to pass the r
nole heritage on to the next generation and create a cultural bond within the community that they serve. nole heritage on to the next generation and create a cultural bond within the community that they serve.
kalee Family Services Site Supervisor Billie hunt and group activities. Families, neigh-Napper-Bodway. "There was a job for ev- bors and friends formed a coalition to en-
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filled by volunteers. Our incentives didn't source. The Immokalee High School marchinclude cash awards, door prizes or raffles. ing band, pep squad and a football team
The promise of a better lifestyle through joined in the parade The promise of a better lifestyle through family togetherness and a good time drew ds to each activity,"
Community participation exceeded 80 Immokalee Seminole Casino contributed a cookout and offered the use of the
Casino Entertainment Pavilion for the Red Ribbon banquet and Boxcar 500 Race. creating floats, posters box cars, a scavenger

## Hollywood Preschool Participates in Get Fit Field Day



Fitness staff, preschool youth and staff warm up in stretching techniques before exercising during the Preschool Get Fit Field Day, Oct. 15 on the Hollywood softball fields. Photo below left, Charleze Osceola has some fun on the parallel bars. Photo below right, fitness trainer Billy
Marks, far left, works on soccer agility drills with the preschoolers. Marks, far left, works on soccer agility drills with the preschoolers


## 'We Do Recover'

BY CHRISTOPHER BILLIE If you take a close look at one of the Tribally owned smoke shops you might
see a group working on one of the buildings. Christopher Billie, Norman Bowers, Robert Cypress, Amos Frank, Brett
Green and Charlie Tiger Green and Charlie Tiger make up the 'We Do Recover' field crew. Kimberly Willie office; rounding out the employees ints
new 'We a meeting in Clewist program. In March ond Annual Native American Recovery Conference with Seminole Tribe of
Florida, Presid things in motion. A handful of Seminoles in recovery approached President Bowers about obtaining work within the tribe. The thought being that Seminoles com-
ing out of a residential treatment program can have a gainful job allowing them to

## Brighton Employees Have Fun While Supporting a Good Cause



Nineteen Big Cypress Tribal women paid attention to the variety of speakers at the Oct. 12 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, held at the Big Cypress Family Investment Center's Learning Resources Conference Room.

## Tribal Women Attend

 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Big Cypress Tribal citizens and employees at the Oct. 12 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon come together in the fight against breast cancer.

Team Seminole Walks to Fight Diabetes and to Support the American Diabetes Association


Tribal citizens from all the reservations came together as part of Team Seminole to participate and support the American Diabetes Association's annual signature 2.5 -mile fundraising walk, Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes held Oct. 23 at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise. The gathering is strongly endorsed by
the business and private community, including sponsorship and corporate teams and almost 75 percent the business and private community, including sponsorship and corporate teams and almost 75 percent
of the total annual expenses go towards research, information and advocacy and public awareness activities for a cure of the disease.


Tampa Health Department Presents Health Fair


## Questions and Answers about Drug Addiction

family Services department Q: $\operatorname{Ar}$
diction? A: Yes, although there is no cure for drug addiction And. Addiction is a treatable, but often chronic disease or heart disease, people learn to manage their condition sometimes with the help of medications. People addicted sometimes with the help of medications. People addicter
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for each person, depending on the type of drug(s) being for each person, depending on the type of drug(s) being
abused and the individual's specific circumstances. For many people with drug addictions, multiple courses o treatment may be needed to achieve success.
Q: Shouldn't Treatment for Drug Addiction Be a One-Shot Deal?
A: No-it's like treating a broken bone. Like di-
abetes and even asthma, drug addiction typically in abetes and even asthma, drug addiction typically is a
chronic disorder. Some people can quit drug use "cold chronic disorder. Some people can quit drug use "cold
turkey," or they can quit after receiving treatment just one time at a rehabilitation facility. But most that have become addicted to drugs need longer term treatmen and, in many instances, repeated treatments-much like
a person who has developed asthma needs to constantly a person who has developed asthma needs to constantly
monitor changes in medication and exercise. The immonitor changes in medication and exercise. The im-
portant point is that even when someone relapses, they should not give up hope. Rather they need to go back to treatment or modify their current treatment. In fact, set

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HOLISTIC MEDICINE CLINIC
backs are likely. Even people with diabetes may go off their diet or miss an insulin injection, and their sympview treatment as a failure.
$\qquad$ Q: How Do I Know if Someone Has a Drug Prob-
A: There are questions pople can as
A: There are questions people can ask to assess whether or not a person has a drug problem. These do
not necessarily indicate that someone is addicted but not necessarily indicate that someone is addicted, but
answering yes to any of these questions may suggest answering yes to any of these questions may suggest
a developing problem, which could require follow-up with a professional drug treatment specialist. These include:
1.Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone (including yourself) who had been using alcohol or drugs?
2.Do you ever use alcohol or dru
3.Do you ever use alcohol or dr lone?

Do you ever for drugs when you are cohol or drugs?
5.Does family or friends ever did while using alyour use of alcohol or drugs?
6. Have you ever gotten into sing alcohol or drugs?
Should you wigs? Should you wish to learn more about drug addiction, please feel free to schedule a confidential meeting
with a Family Services Counselor on your respective Reservation. -Source.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse (2010)



## Big Cypress Community Gathers for Wear Pink Day

Photo above, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Tribal citizens and employees from the Big Cypress Reservation got together
outside the Family Investment Center to show off their pink shirts and take a stand against breast cancer, and to mark Wear Pink Day on Oct. 26. The color pink and pink ribbon, according to Allied Health's Lanc Vaz, is considered the international sign for breast cancer awareness Photo right, Health Educator Lance Vaz, RD, wears a pink shirt to show his support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Vaz said the purpose for Wear Pink Day is to honor those who have died and survive
from breast cancer. "ll is the Health Department's goal for community members to recognize people wearing pink. So, hopefully, they will be reminded to practice breast health." Vaz said. "You could do that by taking self-exams of your breasts and mamms." - Naii Tohias

## Primary Care/Family Practice

Acupuncture - Trigger Point/Biopuncture Physical Rehabilitation Massage

## New Services Offered:

## - IV Nutrient Therapy

- Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue, Headaches, Muscle \& Joint Pain, Frequent Cold \& Flu,
Depression, Seasonal Allergies, \& Asthma
- Effective Hemorrhoid Treatment

Offered in Office - Instant Pain Relief


Kinesio Therapy (strapping)
Herbs/Homeopathics - Anodyne Therapy Pain Management (Holistic opprocch)
 Affordeble TREATMENT POSSIBiUTY Affordable cash pay arrangements for Adult Primary Care

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# If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, 

You Could Receive Benefits from a $\$ 760$ Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

## Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and - Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you either:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or - Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.


## What does the Settlement provide?

The $\$ 760$ million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between $4 \%$ and $8 \%$, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to $\$ 80$ million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional $\$ 20$ million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?
The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.
Track A - You can get a payment up to $\$ 50,000$ for your discrimination claim plus an additional $25 \%$ paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.
Track B - You can get the amount of your actual damages up to $\$ 250,000$. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness - Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional $25 \%$ paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

## How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by December 24, 2011 to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by February 28, 2011. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by February 28, 2011.

The Court will hold a hearing on April 28, 2011 to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

## Sports



Motorcycle Riders Pay Tribute to Jerry Micco Sr. with Bike Ride around Lake Okeechobee

BY NAJI TOBIAS

Ready. Set. Go.
The sirens from the Seminole Police Department's police escorts went off as Holiday Park in the Everglades on Oct 23 In honor of the late Jerry Micco S.,
about 40 riders spent the clear and relatively brisk day with the Micco family as they rod their bikes around Lake Okeechobee. morial Bike Ride, sponsored by Chairma Mitchell Cypress, proved to be a triumphant experience. With past memories of the late
Tribal citizen etched into their hearts and bikes, the group took in the open air as they rode in peace, harmony and joy.
Vincent Micco, the oldest child of Jerry Micco Sr., led the group with a prayer for
safety before heading out on the open road safety before heading out on the open road.,
"Bike riding is a big thing right now,"
Vincent Micco said "" getting out there. It feels like a type of freedom for all of us riders.
l, Vincent Micco's sister For Alicia Caa motorcycle without assistance, Cabal saw the experience as a sense of triumph and re years bomething she couldn't quite say a few ing, Cabal suffered injuries from Sr.'s passcident, which later lead her fom a car acthe Jerry Micco Sr,'s first memorial bike rid a handicapped van.


The Micco Family holds up a T-shirt-designed photo of their father, the late Jerry Micco Sr.
said. "I really wanted to be on my bike with year's riders, Vincent Micco said his family eryone else. That was a bittersweet time got to love motorcycles from Vincent's late or me. But now, I'm on my own motorcy- father, whose hobby was to ride motorcycles emotional day for me to be able to be back Happy to see his sister to be among this

## Best in Billiards Make Annual

 Trek for Mizerak Championships Tonight is an indication of how important have done in the past," Floyd said about the upstart foundation. "By me starting this foundation it is going to allow me to really feel like I have given something back because I have been blessed my
whole career of 18 years of playing professiona whole career of 18 years of playing professional
baseball." liff Floyd Foundation founder Cliff Floyd welcomes guests to the inaugural Celebrity Rack ' N ' Roll 8 Ball Challenge held in
Seminole Paradise Live which featured a eminole Paradise Live which featured
silent and live auction to benefit his foundation.
Floyd's nonprofit organization was formed in
July of this year to assist children in


An excited Earl Strickland celebrates winning the 2010 Steve Mizerak 10 -ball championship held at the Hard Rock Live, Nov. 4-7. Strickland won 11-6 over Shawn Putnam in a race to 11 for the championship.
athletic aspirations by helping th
and off the field of competition.


Tribe Hosts Inaugural Golf Classic to Benefit Boys \& Girls Clubs

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

 Staff ReporterHOLLYWOOD/PLANTATION The Tribe's Boys \& Girls Clubs received some much-anticipated support from Tribal ole Tribe of Florida Amateur Golf Classic. In a three-day event running Oct. 14-16, more than 50 donated money to the Boys \&
Girls Clubs. Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcel-
On Oscola Jr was on hand among guests lus Osceola Jr. was on hand among guests and sponsors at the Hard Rock Hotel and
Casino's VIP Plum Lounge for a welcome reception to kick off the festivities. "This benefits our youth directly, so it was a no-brainer to want to give something back to such a good cause," said Board Rep.
Osceola. "I want to have these clubs be self sufficient beyond the support of our Board
and Council."
Florida Team Golf also co-sponsored
he event. Vice President Jason Venger said uilding awareness was one of the majo goals in the planning of the weekend events.
"They [Tribal Board and Council] wanted to do something unique and that the people could enjoy," Venger said. "The goal
was also to build something that showcased e also to build something that showcase the Tribe, the Hard Rock and the South Florda community."
Osceola said it is an idea he has wanted o pursue with Hollywood Tribal Counci Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. since taking offic "We wanted to keep hopes and expecta tions realistic. We reached our goal to some level because we got it all off the ground,"
Board Rep. Osceola said "We also wanted oard Rep. Osceola said. "We also wanted
hem [the guests and sponsors] to walk away with a really good experience so they will come back next year." A two-man scramble, shot-gun tourna $\downarrow$ Please see GOLF on page $\mathbf{C} 2$


Floyd was chosen as a first round
draft pick of the Montreal Expos as the draft pick of the Montreal Expos as the
14th pick of the 1991 MLB Draft and went on to win a World Series cham-
pionship with the Florida Marlins in pionship with the Florida Marlins in
1997.
Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress was also on hand to enjoy the
event. "Every year I do my best to support
these types of events because it all helps these types of events because it all helps
out the younger people," the Chairman
said "This is a time to year especially during the fall and enjoy yourself and see some great pool."
Other celebrity sports guests in
cluded: Keith Byers, former National
Football Football League player, William Floyd,
former Florida State University player former Florida State University player
and National Champion, Charles Johnson, 4 -time Golden Glove Winner and
Florida Marlins World Series Champion and Floyd teammate as well as
top ranked billiards stars Corey "The Prince of Pool" Deuel and Rothey Rocket" Morris.

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Bulards brother-in-law, Sevie Billi, man atributed his team's win to the concept
said he was proud to see the action unfold of teamwork "It's a first for everything," Billie said the girls is that they jelled of his sister-in-law. "As long as you set out gether," Barely Human said. "Everybody
to do what you want to do and stay drug free yo do what you want to do and stay drug free, looked out for each other and worked
make sure there were no weak spots." Billie, along with his older brother and $\begin{gathered}\text { With those efforts from Pow Pow Pan- } \\ \text { Bullard's husband, Issiah Billie, witnessed } \\ \text { ther and her Derby Grrls, the road team }\end{gathered}$ the Derby Grrls team muscle its way past the coasted to a 117-62 halftime lead. The Der-
Fort Myers Misdemeanors 195-117, in what by Grrls would only add to that

\section*{Mor <br> FORT MYERS - As Big Cypress Tribcitizen Meredith Bullard and her Gold | derby team took center stage at the Bam |
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| dezles Skating Rink on Oct. 24, one thin | boozles Skating Rink on Oct. 24, one thin

stood out. It was the incarnation of a Triba member living out one of her dreams ans
making history. Bullard is the Tribe's first ever roller derby participant in the organize} Sports History as First Roller Derby Participant Fort Myers Misdemeanors, 195-117, in what
proved to be a spirited and fun-filled bout. Derby Grrls Bench Coach Barely Hu-


Meredith Bullard, center, powers her way toward the front of the pack as helps her Derby Grrls team
jam the Fort Myers Misdemeanors, 195-117, in a decisive bout win on Oct. 24 in Fort Myers. by Grrls would only add to that margin in
the second half, as they used an exhilarating the second half, as they used an exhilarating
combination of jamming and blocking to put combination of jamming and blocking to put
the Misdemeanors away. "The key to victory for us is working
together," said Derby Grrls jammer/blocker
Stone Bith together, sai Blues. "IIt's important for us to
Stone Bitch
keep our walls tight and together We chave to keep our walls tight and together. We have to
make sure we watch our jammer It's toug make sure we watch our jammer. It's tough
because you have to make sure you're helpbecause you have to make sure you're help-
ing out your jammer, but you're also getting ing out your jammer, but you're also getting
another jammer at the same time. We've another jammer at the same time. We ve
worked on switching our mindset and doing two things done at once."
Stone Bitch Blues was complimentary Stone Bitch Blues was complimentary
of Pow Pow Panther's efforts on the roller of Pow Pow Panther's efforts on the roller
rink. ". "Meredith is a really positive person, and does what she can to get the worky Grrls jammer/blocker said of her teammate. "She's really evolved as a block-
er and has come so far since she first started er and has come so far since she first started
out. Meredith is going to up her and get betout. Meredith is going to up her and get bet-
ter as she clicks more with our team." ter as she clicks more with our team.
Bullard offered her take on how the bout turned out.
"I think we were trying to do everything we can to stop their jam," Bullard (Pow Pow Panther) said. "I think we were effective in
doing that. The hardest part of our bout was


## National Football League legend Cornelius Bennett, left, and Boys \& Girls Club Director Robert North

 participate in the awards ceremony
## GOLF <br> From page C1

## ment at the Plantation Preserve Golf Clu

 highlighted day two and three. silent/live auction and an awards ceemony at the Hard Rock's exclusive Chef
Table concluded the festivities on the evening of day three with severan note-
worthy items up for bid including: Miami Heat courtside tickets, a Cabo San Lucas vacation package, a custom Yagi
watch, custom-beaded Seminole stemwatch, custom-beaded Seminole stem-
ware and a Miami Dolphins game package. The Tribe currently has two Tribalbased, affiliated Boys \& Girls Clubs on the Hollywood and Big Cypress Reser-
vations, which opened in 2005 and 2009 vations, which opened ins for a Brighton branch this year.
According seminolebgc.org, the website at www. Tribal Boys \& Girls Club is to assist Seminole youth in the areas of selfconfidence, self-esteem, native culture
skills and the ability to grow into productive, responsible contributors to so-
The club's core elements are to provide a safe positive environment, sup-
portive relationships, fun, opportunities and expectations, and recognition. Its core activities are also to interact with
other Tribal departments with youth other Tribal departments with youth
initiatives such as Culture/Language Health, Family Services, Recreation,

Golf Results: Team play- 1. Earl Rubley and John Routh (117.5), 2. Frank Marrero and Richard Grant (118.75), 3. Dale Hendricks and Don Carson (119.25)

Education, Seminole Police Department and other entities.


Tribal Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr. Cries to put onto the green.


The Fort Myers Misdemeanors, in green, and the Gold Coast (Fort Lauderdale) Derby Grrls, in red, share some time together shortly after their high-energy bout concluded
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## DERBY

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getting trapped in the back. I got trapped twice and it made me exhausted. But I think in the front and work better with my team." While Bullard represents the Tribe in roller derby, she said she hopes that more
Tribal women will join her in competition one day. She said it's something that would make her really proud.
ing to all the other girls," Barely Human said. "Meredith is a motivator and is definitely on the upswing as she works on improving her game. With her work ethic and desire to be a positive contributor to our team, we will bet-
ter because of it. You can't ask for anything better in a team sport general."
For more information on Bullard's roller derby team, visit www.goldcoastderbygrrls.com.

Meredith Builard, also known as "Pow-Pow Pa derdale) Derby Grris roller derby team

- MIZERAK


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 Also highlighting the evening werehosts of radio morning show " 790 The Ticket" and "The Dan LeeBatard" afternoon show battling for bragging rights in a best two of three series
team match-wp team As tournament play got underway, a
race to nine format had all eyes on several
player players of interest including: Tribal citizen Tony Billie, the Tribal-sponsored Deuel, recently crowned U.S. Open 9-Ball Champion winner and odds-on tournament favorite
Darren "Dynamite" Appleton, as well as the Darren "Dynamite" Appleton, as well as the
number one and two ranked players Morris and the Mizerak tournament defending champion and Hall of Famer Johnny "The Scorpion" Archer. Billie would go out in round two to Ron Park 9-4.
Deuel would fair better staying in line and maintaining position play, bur was
inated by-
Put the tournament runner-up Shaun Putnam finishing in the fifth-sixth slot. He also took home 'player of the year' honors. Morris and Archer would bow out early in their match-ups short of the cash rounds


The finals would pit favorite Shawn "Big Bubba" Putnam against the fiery and
unfiltered Earl "the Pearl" Strickland in a race to 11 match-up. On good breaks Putnam would gain the early advantage going up 2-0. Strick-
land would keep it close throughout in a land would keep it close throughout in a
back-and-forth battle while staying within back-and-forth battle while staying with
a game of Putnam before finally tying a game of Putnam before finally tying
up the games at 4-4. Two other times the two would be knotted up. At the 6-6 mark Strickland took advantage of a Putnam mis-
cue taking his first lead of the contest gocue taking his first lead of the contest go
ing up $7-6$. He would maintain momentum ing up $7-6$. He would mining the match on
going into game 10 winnin another Putnam final game and the title 11-6
missed some breaks early but I struggled early and knew I would. He [Putnam] did also but that is what helped keep me in the matches," Strickland said afterward. "The
table played very well this week and thi table played very well this week and this
is a great venue [the Hard Rock] for pool. It was a nice tournament with beautiful tables." For more information on the Cliff Tribal-sponsored billiards player Corey Deuel with Chis Conkins his 2010 player of the year award. Deuel finished
in sixth place at the annual Mizerak tournament.

## : MICCO <br> From page C1




The husband/wife tandem of Vincent and Loretta Micco leads the way on U.S. 27 during the Eighth Annual Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Bike Ride on Oct. 23. After making a pit stop at a gas station in South Bay, the group headed east and then north through the southeastern Lake Okeechobee communities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point and Port Mayaca
Followi Following the group's second stop at Port Mayaca for a group
photo shoot, the Tribe's Chairman spoke of a harrowing experience he had a few years ago.
"Well, the ride this year has been smooth to me compared to 2004, when I got into a terrible motorcycle accident," Chairman Cy press said. "It laid me out for
back a couple of years later"
back a couple of years later."
Chairman Cypress, who suffered the accident during 2004's Jerry Micco Sr. annual bike ride, has been part of the group every year since 2006.
of it, no matter how," Chairman Cypress said. "You can't get rid of it, no matter how many times you've been in a wreck. It's just
like that; you get back up on it and enjoy the ride " like that; you get back up on it and enjoy the ride.
The motorcycle group headed for yet another pit stop at an
Okeechobee gas station before making its way to the Brighton Reservation, where the Micco family grew up at.

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Riders hit a curve on Glades County Road 721 at the Brighton Reservation, where the late Jerry Micco Sr. and his family are from.

After going through Brighton, they headed for the Ortona Cemetery, where the late Jerry Micco Sr. was laid to rest. On this stop etery, where the late Jerry Micco Sr. was laid to rest. On this stop,
the group paid a special tribute to the honoree, whose favorite song was "Where the Corn Don't Grow." The ride's final two stops were at a gas station in Moore Haven
and an end-of-ride dinner/gathering at the Billie Swamp Safari in
Big Cypress.
Following the ride, Chairman Cypress said he hopes there will be another ride next year, with even more participants involved.
"The late Jerry Micco Sr. was a well-respected man," Chairman Cypress said. "It was an honor to start it [the memorial ride] several years ago. I thank the Micco family for inviting each and every one of us on this ride. I appreciate the family for what they're doing for
Mr. Jerry Micco Sr." Mr. Jerry Micco Sr.'


## Brighton Reservation Takes Home Top Honors Again in Annual Senior Trike Fest

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Tribal elders from e reservations squared off in a series o nior Trike Fest on Nov. 4.
Held at the Big Cypress Aviation Han 57 seniors from the Big Cypress, Brigh Reservations participated in the sixth Tamp,
event. With the scores of tricycles in ful swing, all five teams were vying for on thing: a year's worth of bragging rights as Team Brighton, last year's overall win ner, put this year's title on the line as Tean Big Cypress, Team Hollywood, Team Im-
mokalee and Team Tampa applied the presmokalee and Team Tampa applied th
sure in five different course events. When the dust settled, however, it was
Team Brighton that took the top prize for Team Brighton that took the top prize for
the fourth consecutive year. After the scores the fourth consecutive year. After the scores
were tallied in the ball toss, cone weave, maze, puzzle challenge and team relay cat-
egories, the five-time Trike Fest champions
finished with 97 overall points. Team Big fourth, respectively. Immokalee brought up Cypress finished second with 80 points. Brighton's Donna Turtle said. "They [Team Brighton] practiced and exercised a lot You tell that they [the Brighton seniors] of heart into it."
Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who won our individual course challenges, said he was hoping Big Cypress would stop Brigh
ton's three-year reign on top. Nonetheless, what Brighton pulled off in this year's fitness competition.
petitive in sports," the is traditionally com"etitive in sports," the Tribal Chairman said. into it. Brighton has a great trainer, who helped them out a lot. I'm very happy for them." As for Big Cypress's second-place fin sh? "I think we did a fantastic job," Chair man Cypress said. "You never know, Big time." Hollywood and Tampa placed third and
the rear with a fifth-place overall team finish. Tampa's Bobby Henry had perhaps the Fest, as he zoomed his way to the finish line in the cone weave.
Though it looked like he fell off his trile and got hurt, Henry shot right back up on his trike and scooted his way to safety as if nothing happened. weave finish. "I thought if I just stopped, it weave finish. "I thought if I just stopped, it
would go slide in the water. I turned it a lit-
tle bit and it just flipped on tle bit and it just flipped on me. But I didn't get any scratches, so I'm really happy about Though Henry's team didn't win the
overall prize, it took home Best Decorated overall prize, it took home Best Decorated
Trike and the Team Traveling Trophy. Tampa had the highest percent of seniors participating in this year's Trike Fest.

## As of next year's Trike Fest, Chairman Cypress said, ""The pressure is on Brighton to keep their trophy" "The <br> to keep their trophy." "The other reserva-

 tions are going to work really hard to win itnext year." Tampa's seniors also won the category for Best Decorated Trike. The Tampa tricycle de
inspired by the 1956 Ford Fairlane vehicle, a theme that went well with the judging panel.


The Tampa Reservation won a special Senior Trike Fest award as they took home a trophy for mos participants by percentage. Tampa had 50 percent of its seniors participate in the Trike Fest.


In the Trike Fest's Ball Toss course event, four Golden Senior winners emerged from the scores of (Big Cypress), Maggie Garcia (Tampa) and Lawanna Osceola Niles (Hollywood). Here, the seniors (Big Cypress), Maggie Garcia (Tampa) and Lawanna osceola Niles (Hoilywood). Here, the seniors
celebrate their and Chairman Mitchell Cypress, right.


Once again, Brighton's seniors prove to be the Tribe's most athletically fit bunch, taking home the top overall prize at the sixth annual Senior Trike Fest on Nov. 4. They won the top team trophy with top overall prize at the sixth annual Senior Trike Fest on Nov. 4. They won the top
97 total


The Big Cypress Reservation's senis Maji Tobias
Brighton's Jenny Johns, center, took the runner-up slot in the Best Dressed Triker category, as she celebrates with Chairman Mitchell Cy-

## SIXTH ANNUAL SENIOR TRIIE FEST RESULTS

## Reservation with Most Points in Course Events

 .rvtion Reservation - 55 points, 2. Big Cypress Reservalion - 80 po Reservation - 0 points. Reservation with Most Participants by Percentage1. Tampa Reservation -50 percent, 2. Brighton Reservation - 18 percent, 3. Hollywood Res1. Tampa Reservation - 50 percent, 2. Brighton Reservation - 18 percent, 3 . Hollywood Res-
percent.
Best Decorated Trik
2. Tampa Reservation - 59 points, 2. Brighton Reservation - 57 points, 3. Big Cypress Reservation - 53 points, 4 . Immokalee Reservation - 47 points.
Best Dressed Triker
3. Nancy Frank (Tampa Reservation) - 55 points, 2. Jennie Johns (Brighton Reservation) 54 points, 3. Lawanna Osceola Niles (Hollywood Reservation) -52 points.
ces - Senior Women
Brig Cypress Reservation: 1. Minnie Tigertail
Brighton Reservation: Mable Haught and Onnie Osceola
Hollywood Reservation: Mary Gay Osceola
Tampa Reservation: Nancy Frank
Most Practices - Senior Men
Big Cypress Reservation: Rudy Osceo
Big Cypress Reservation: Rudy Osceola
Brighton Reservation: Wonder Johns
Hollywood Reservation: Joe Paul Billie
Ball Toss Course Event
Female Super Seniors - 55-61 years old: 1. Molly Shore (Brighton Reservation), 2. Wanda Bowers (Hollywood Reservation), 3. Dora Tiger (Hollywood Reservation), 4. Susie Doctor (Tamp Reservation); Male Super Seniors - 55-61 years old: 1. Elbert Snow (Brighton), 2. Steven
Bowers (Hollywood) 3 . Joe Osceola Jr. (Hollywood) 4. Jonah Cypress (Big Cypress). Female Golden Seniors -62-68 years old: 1. Minnie Tigertail (Big Cypress), 2. Daisy Jumper (Big Cypress), 3. Maggie Garcia (Tampa), 4. Lawanna Osceola (Hollywood); Male Golden Seniors $62-68$ years old: 1. Mitchell Cypress (Big Cypress), 2. Jack Smith (Brighton), 3. Rudy Osceola (Big Cypress); Female Diamond Seniors - 69 years old and up: 1. Onnie Osceola (Brighton), 2. Mable Haught (Brighton), 3. Louise Billie (Big Cypress), 4. Mary Gay Osceola (Hollywood); Male Diamond Seniors - 69 years old and up: 1. Bobby Henry (Tampa), 2. Jimmie H. Osceola Jr. (Hollywood), 3. Wonder Johns (Brighton).
Female Super S eniors: 1. Wanda Bowers (Hollywood), 2. Jenny Johns (Brighton), 3. Patty Wa dron (Brighton), 4. Molly Shore (Brighton); Maie Super Seniors: 1. Jonah Cypress (Big Cypress) 2. Roger Smith (Brighton), 3. Elbert Snow (Brighton), 4. Steven Bowers (Hollywood); Female Golden Seniors: 1. Minnie Tigertail (Big Cypress), 2. Alice Sweat (Brighton), 3. Louise Osceola (Big Cypress), 4. Daisy Jumper (Big Cypress); Male Golden Seniors: 1. Mitchell Cypress (Big
Cypress), 2. Rudy Osceola (Big Cypress), 3. Jack Smith (Brighton); Female Diamond Seniors: 1. Edna McDuffie (Big Cypress), 2. Mary Gay Osceola (Hollywood), 3. Onnie Osceola (Brighton), 4. Mable Haught (Brighton); Male Diamond Seniors: 1. Bobby Henry (Tampa), 2. Wonder Johns (Brighton), 3. Jimmie H. Osceola Jr. (Hollywood).

## Puzzle Challenge Course Event

Female Super Seniors: 1. Jenny Johns (Brighton), 2. Patty Waldron (Brighton), 3. Dora Tiger (Hollywood), 4. Wanda Bowers (Hollywood); Male Super Seniors: 1. Elbert Snow (Brighton), 2. Roger Smith (Brighton), 3. Jonah Cypress (Big Cypress), 4. Mike Tiger (Hollywood); Female Whidden (Brighton), 4. Cornelia Osceola (Hollywood); Male Golden Seniors: 1. Mitchell Cypres (Big Cypress), 2. Rudy Osceola (Big Cypress), 3. Jack Smith (Brighton); Female Diamond Seniors: 1. Edna McDuffie (Big Cypress), 2. Dorothy Tommie (Hollywood), 3. Onnie Osceola (Brighton), 4. Louise Billie (Big Cypress); Male Diamond Seniors: 1. Wonder Johns (Brighton), 2. Jimmie H. Osceola Jr. (Hollywood), 3. Bobby Henry (Tampa)

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Team Relay Course Event
2. Team Brighton, 2. Team Big Cypress, 3. Team Hollywood, 4. Team Tampa, 5. Team Immo

The Diamond Seniors (ages 69 and up) stood out in the Puzzle Chal- Chairman Mitchell Cypress (Big Cypress), left, took home four first-place prize
lenge at the Trike Fest on Nov. 4. The course event's top winners, from in the Trike Fest, including wins in the following categories for the Golden Senio lenge at the Trike Fest on Nov. 4. The course event's top winners, from
lin the Trike Fest, including wins in the following categories for the Golden Senior
left, were Wonder Johns (Brighton), Jimmie Osceola (Hollywood) and
men: Puzzle Challenge, The Maze and Cone Weave. With Big Cypress Council
Bobby Henry (Tampa). Standing between Johns and Osceola, second
Rep. Mondo Tiger, second from left, celebrating, Rudy Osceola (Big Cypress), Bobby Henry (Tampa). Standing between Johns and Osceola,
from right, is Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger.



## Competitors Improve at Brighton's Annual Recreation Triathlon



First Annual Red Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament Raises Funds for Florida Native American Recovery Convention



NAPLES - Seminoles in Recovery sponsored benefit golf tournament on Oct. 23 in conjunction witl Red Ribbon Week at the Arrowhead Golf Course ir
Naples. Naples.
Tribal Members and affiliates participated in the
Ner first annual Red Ribbon Classic with 26 players formin
seven teams for the Scramble. Following a complimen tary continental breakfast and opening remarks by Fam ily
ily Services Director Helene Buster, the competition go
under way with a shot gun start at 9 a m. under way with a shot gun start at 9 a.m.
All players were invited to attend a campfire cook-
and out the previous evening at Lakeside in Immokalee and
join in a round table discussion that included member of the community.
While the golfers made their way around the 18
holes, Chef Ray King fired up the grill in anticipation of their return for an awards banquet on the veranda of All proceeds from the first annual Red Ribbon Classic will be used to help finance the third annual
Florida Native American Recovery Convention, which will be held March 3 through 6, 2011, at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston, Florida. "Seminoles in Recovery have been working very
hard to raise the necessary funds to make the FNARC
aelf hard to raise the necessary funds to make the FNARC
self-sufficient," said Helene Buster. "We have orches
trated numerous fund raisers on each of the reservation trated numerous fund raisers on each of the reservation
in an effort to achieve our goal of $\$ 15,000$ and thanks to the support of our families, neighbors and friends, the dollars are beginning to add up."
"Recovery is a full-time commitment," concluded
Buster. "Following the 12 steps helps us take control of our lives and acquire the self respect that is necessary to achieve a healthy lifestyle. There is strength in num


From left, Family Services Director Helene Buster, Lawrence tude to the supporters of the Seminoles in Recovery.



## Brooke Osceola and University School Finish Runner-ups in District Volleyball



Tribal volleyballer Brooke Osceola, middle, with her University School teammates show off their class 3 A district championship runner-up trophy on Oct 28. The Suns lost at Chaminade-Madonna in a best three of five tournament series. The eighth grader was also named to the first team Miami Herald and Broward County All-Freshmen Varsity Team

Tribal Youth Shows Off Volleyball Skills in Volleyball Regionals


Brooke Osceola's family and friends came to support her and the University School Suns team in the girls' volleyball region als, on Nov. 3, at Ransom Everglades Upper School in Coral Gables. The University School Suns put up a good fight, but lost to Ransom Everglades Raiders.


Brooke Osceola, in yellow shirt, goes for the return serve along with teammates, vs. Ransom Everglades.

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## Big Town, Lady Warriors Win Titles in Annual Tigertail Brothers Basketball Tournament



American Heritage-Plantation Faces Westminister


Devin Bowers prepares to block on kick-off return


American Heritage-Plantation Cheerleaders root for the players as they prepare to take the field for week six action versus


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1989 and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1990, Federal Bar in



## WoodsHaven Prep Seniors Win Final Home Game

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

DAVIE - WoodsHaven Preparatory Tribal athlete Catlen Tommie and his gridiron teammates experienced the bitter sweet emotion most seniors face at the end o
their high school careers, but on the winning end. their high school careers, but on the winning end.
In front of dozens of supportive family and friends, In front of dozens of supportive family and friends,
the three sport letterman and four others (including Dethe three sport letterman and four others (including De-
nareus Davis, Marquis Brantley, Geonvay Burns and Dwarn Oliver) played their final home game as seniors at Bamford Park in a last second 36-28 comeback win versus St. Joseph's Academy of St. Augustine on Oc The whirlwind game was decided inside of $30 \mathrm{sec}-$ ds of the fourth quarter, as the Warriors mounted a
ive ending in a one-yard touchdown connection from sophomore quarterback Roderick Carter to junior receiver Brian Gissendaner, as time ran out in the contest First year WoodsHaven Head Coach Tim Mill-
er said it was a great game against a very disciplined er said it was a great game against a very discipline
Flashes team. "It was a good and exciting game and came down to the wire," Mearer said. "It was the kind of game where
you need to leave everything on the field and the kids never gave up."
Miller said the team's game-winning efforts and their season have all been a reflection of the leadershi "They stepped up to the challenge," he said. "I told [the seniors] before the game that it was their night and that I needed to know who was going to step up and Tommie said working hard has been part of his and
stem's the team's approach all season.
"We just took charge and did what we had to do," he
said. "I have enjoyed playing with everyone and watch-
ing the younger players get better all year." "I just feel
ing the younger players get better all year." "I just feel
like it has all went by so fast. It is hard to even believe I am a senior," he added.
As a star outfielder and catcher in baseball, point guard in basketball, as well being a 3.0-plus grade point average student, proud father Danny Tommie said it has lege considering: the University of Alabama, Samford of school, Purdue and Troy University on a short list
"He has been able to make adjustments and play well and all the while maintain his grades, which is the most important thing," father Tommie explained. "I also knew in the game I was getting my last memories of him. It was precious but sad."" although he has been the only Tribal athlete for the Warriors over the last two seasons, the transition to the start-
up WoodsHaven squad has been a smooth one up "IoodsHaven squad has been a smooth one.
"I know I am one of only a few Tribal members that even play varsity high school football, but it has also motivated me to represent my people," Tommie said. Throughout the season Tommie has played on both sides of the ball playing multiple positions including fullback, runningback, linebacker and strong-safety.
Miller said he has been impressed with the ear-old's mental toughness on the field and his work ethic in the classroom.
"He has been a very hard worker and on the next level he should do very well. I wish I had another year is definitely a leader. He does not like to lose either; that is what you would expect from a senior."


Tribal senior football player Catlen Tommie, ninth from the left, is joined by supportive and excited family members for Wood shaven Prep football senior night festivities Oct. 22 at Bamford Park in Davie

Immokalee Preschool Entertains Youngsters at First Gee Fit Day Freelance Reporter
IMMOKALEE - Oct. 27 marked beginning of a new era for the Imto the increased student enrollment and
coordinated efforts of the school staff, Fitness and Recreation Departments, the
Immokalee Preschool held its first Get Fit Immokalee Preschool held its first Get Fi
Day on their home playing field. Day on their home playing field
During previous years the During previous years the students
took an annual fitness excursion by bus for inclusion in the Big Cypress event This involved a long journey for the little before reaching their destination "Holding our 2010 Get Fit Field Day in our own gymnasium has many advanManager Michelle Ford. "It provides an opportunity for parents, grandparents and community members to observe the activities, cheer for the athletes and share in their enthusiasm." into six separate courses to accommothat included range of athletic activities relays and agility exercises. Working by age groups, the youngsters rotated around the builes and laughter followed themothe where they went.
Twenty students took part in the ball toss, zigzag said Fitness path, roller board, ring toss, tunnel crawl and relay races were designed to promote agility, hand to eye coordinawith bean bags, balls, cones, paddles and light sticks. tion, exercise and develop basic motor skills. They've "Although the children are young, it is never too had a wonderful time while taking their first steps on the
early to acquaint them with physical awareness and give road to a healthy lifestyle"

P.J. Rodriguez yells "It's a ringer!"during the Preschool Ring Toss.

## Duane and Malcolm Tigertail Remembered at Tigertail Brothers Basketball Tournament

Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, left, and Pas Prime's Richard Osceola, right, present a special plaque to Minneis Tigertail, on behalf of the Tigertail family in a tribute
ceremony on Oct. 14 at the ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in
Big Cypress. ceremony on
Big Cypress.

Seal Legends beat three other teams to earn the Women's Division championship of the Duane Tigertail Legends Tournament.
ways here at the Herman L. Osceola Gym."
Minnie Tigertail, who raised both of the young men before they passed away years ago, remembers her sons. "Malcolm was eager to play basketball in the Legends," Minnie Tigertail said. "He wanted to play college basketball at FAU, but he never got a chance to. Both Malcolm and Duane would play in basketball tourna The annual Tigertail Brothers Basketball Tournaments began back in 2007 as a tribute to the lives of Duane and Malcolm Tigertail, who passed away within Seven years of each other. Malcolm Tigertail died in 2000 and Duane Tigertail in June 2007 Tribal basketball players from Big Cypress, Brigh-
ton, Hollywood and Immokalee choose to remember the brothers by playing in these annual gatherings. Minnie Tigertail said she's grateful for the outpour of suppor shown for the family on a yearly basis.
"I appreciate it every year," Minnie Tigertail said.
njoy watching them come out and play their "I enjoy watching them come out and play their hearts
out. There are different teams each year, but it's always enjoyable. I like it a lot.'
$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Moments before the fourth an nual Tigertail Brothers Basketball Tournament began on Malcolm Tigertail. Tribal citizen Richard Osceola, who played on the
Past Prime Legends basketball team, presented a blow up poster of Duane Tigertail and a specialized plaque to his mother, Minnie Tigertail. It was a showing of Duane Tigertail's MVP perfor-
mance in the 1999 Miccosukee All-Indian Basketball mance in the Tournament, when Richard Osceola and Duane Tigertai were teammates on the Showtime Seminoles. "It humbles me to say that I was a part of Duane' life," Richard Osceola said. "It's just somethories that
I've been cherishing over the years. The memoried Duane leaves behind are overwhelming. He played with
such a passion on the court and had a lot of heart To the Tigertail family, I thank you for allowing me to share
that time with him."
Richard Osceola talked about what it meant for him
to suit up for this year's Leg-
ends competition. "It's a real honor to be
here," Richard Osceola said here," Richard Osceola said.
"Duane was a good man on Duane was a good man on
this court. He was a champion in his heart."
Geraldine Osceola, who
starred for Geraldine's Team in the Legends tournament on Oct. 14, recalls watching
Duane and Malcolm Tiger
tail play bask Duane and Malcolm Tiger-
tail play basketball often.
Geraldine Osceola said basGeraddine Osceola said basthe two brothers. "Duane was an awe-
some player. He was unstopsome player. He was unstop-
pable," Geraldine Osceola said. '"Malcolm was also a
good player. I loved watching them play because they
had mad skills. They were quiet, they were always in
 on Oct. 14.

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## Announcements




Happy Birthday to Terrijo D. Nelson on Dec. 12.
Hey Mom, I want to wish you a happy birthday, and let you know how much I love and respect you. You have been there for me and your grandson Ricky, especially Ricky. We are
lucky to have you as part of our lives. I am so proud of you and proud to be your daughter. cky to have you as part of our lives. I am so proud of you and proud to
Thank you for having my back and for that, I owe you the world.

I love you, mom, you're the greatest ever. Words can't explain how much gratitude
Thank you mom, like you say, 'we're family, enough said.
I love you; have a great birthday and a wonderful Christmas and an even better New
Love always,
Carebear
Carolee J. Anderso

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Congratulations Cheyenne on b
coming this year's Vice President coming this year's Vice President for
Yearling Middle School for 2010-2011 school year.

Mom and Dad

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## May The Bounty of the Season Fill Your Heart and Home

 following: A special thanks to God for our blessings. Let us be thankful for the fam-ily and friends we have in our lives. Having good health each day is something to be thankful for.
Gratitude for our country's troops keeping us safe here on the home front. To all of the employees within the Seminole Tribe of Florida, let us give thanks for being the chosen ones to work within such a fantastic and success-
ful Tribe.
Whether we celebre with Whether we celebrate with a large family gathering; or we choose to cel-
ebrate in a smaller setting, wherever you are during this special time of year, take a moment to reflect on each of your blessings and be thankful. I am blessed to have a wonderful family supporting me as your Chief of Seminole Police Department as I continue to ascertain my daily goal of ensuring to keep each of you safe.
With sincere wishes from giving.

Food For Thought:
Food For Thought. 1 There are more than 300 million turkeys raised each year, and only one is deasen to be sent to the White House. That turkey is granted clemency from farm where it remains to live out the rest of its life in peace, free from being


The Board of Directors is actively seeking bids for a lunch to be served at the Shareholders meeting scheduled to be held on January 8th, 2011.
Tribal member bids will be preferred
The deadline for submission of bids for this luncheon has been extended to December 17th, 2010 at 12:00pm

To get itemized menu please contact:
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Terrance David Robbins born into Panther Clan family on August 31, 2010 at 9 lbs and 10 oz . Parents are Tara Robbins and Orrin Arnold. Grandmother is
Mary Jane Robbins. Brother is Jonathan and sisters are Mariah, Lauren and Sarah.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Devin Osceola for a great football season with the West Kendall Dolphins!
We are so proud of you. You have put so muc We are so proud of you. You have put so much
effort into your passion for football and maintained effort into your passion
good grades in school.


NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY O THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO
SIGNIICANT IMPACT AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of a home for tribal member Cecil Jumper on trust property within the Big Cypress Reservation of the Seminole Indian Tribe of help alleviate the current housing shortage for Tribal members. Endangered species impacts and Tribal members. Endange felly mitigated through the conditions stipulated in an Army Corps of Engineers permit. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated August 2010, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Environmental Assessment, Cecil Jumper Home Site Lease, Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for
the approval of the home construction and lease the approval of the home construction and lease Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human Statement is not required You may obtain a copy Statement is not required. You may obtain acap Regional Office or the Environmental Resour Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6365 Taft Street, Suite 3008, Hollywood, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965 4380.
environmental effects is a finding on with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made Chandler Regional Environmental Scientist, Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700 , Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 564-6832. Superintendent, Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs September 10, 2010

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I have tried to set the record straight over a period of time, But you been molded and manipulated to a certain frame of mind.
But I will not give up on pulling the wool from your eyes so you can see That since Day One I have loved you and will until my family bury me.

When you was a baby until my last ride I made time to see you even when Ahaakome was hot on my trail.
It's amazing after they realized I was gone they gained courage and heart, Only then they took advantage of my first seed and kept us apart.

When I was there no one stood in my way at all,
I could come and see you anytime I wanted because they feared this Panther claw.
I even had you days at a time, but you don't remember this,
Throughout all these years I've been gone, these are the only memories I have of you to reminisce.

If you want to verify my side just talk to your grandma in Hollywood,
She loves you with all her heart too and will give you the honest truth better than anyone
Sou probably been feeling all alone after what took place But you have to realize you're not
Because you have my whole family waiting for you to embrace.
It hurts me to my heart all that you been through,
Just so you know that fool is on borrowed time that's written in blood too.
That wrong will be righted, it's just a matter of time
I have patience and once I handle that I'm hoping it frees your mind.
This love will always be stronger than any shotgun blas
There is so much lost time and memories that I want to make up for, But I will not push you to accept me, only you can open up that door

But I always shewed back in the day I was no damn good
Before your time I have become a better man since then, Happy birthday Susie, I love you This is in the win

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Boys \& Girls Club Teaches Youth How to Play and Love Music
$\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Writer }}$ Staff Writer
OLYWOOD - A new music program $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { and mentaly, he explained. } \\ & \text { Pays and teaches acoustic and bass ally during the annual youth conferences, Red }\end{aligned}$ HOLLYWOOD - A new music program guitar and drums and said the youth decide Ribbon Week and events such as the recent promoting and inspiring those interested in mu- other instructors have also been brought aboard "They love it," said mother Dawna Bell,
sical pursuits.
The project has been offer-
ing Tribal citizens music lessons ing Tribal citizens music lessons on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays every week at the Hollywood
Boys \& Girls Club location on the Hollywood Reservation for alThe program accepts all par-
ticher ticipants ages 6-18, is Tribally funded and is at no cost to all citi"It is not for everybody, but
for the kids that stick with it. It is fun and worth it," said James Payne, Hollywood Boys \& Girls
Club counselor and music teacher. "My whole approach is to teach Payne has been a part of the progran since its inception ant
became a more serious music stu dent at the age of 12 . "For me, it is


Silver Wolf concentrates on learning the cords of his bass guitar. who has three youth taking lessons: Kyler, 11, Adrianne, 9, and Kiana, 12. "I want them to learn
the patience it takes to learn the the patience it takes to learn the full scale of playing an instruDaughter Adrianne Bell has been playing the piano for several months and said she enjoys the beauty of it.
"Playing keeps my day happy because I am not just sitting, around at home doing nothing,"
she said. "Some of it has been different for me because I am not used to moving my hands a certain way. Because I am play-
ing more and more, I have gotten ing more and more, I have gotten used to it. I want to learn more
and more and someday be fa-

Please see MUSIC on page 2A
Hard Rock Celebrates Garage Opening with Guinness Records Guitar Smash - Almost 2,000 Instruments Broken


See story and more A festive overhead view of the history making Winner's Way Parking Garage grand opening celebration at the Hard Rock Dec.
15 in Hollywood. The event featured a Guinness World record guitar smash of 1,914 guitars. $\begin{array}{r}\text { See story and m } \\ \text { photos on page 8A }\end{array}$

## Tribal General Counsel Jim Shore Honored at Alma Mater

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

Staff Writer
HOLLYWOOD -Tribal Pioneer Jim Shore can now add Hall of Famer to his stead fast resume of I.
complishments.
Shore joined six others from his alma ma ter Stetson University College of Law as a part ors Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. The and friends were on hand to celebrate with Shore.
"The only time I had ever heard of a Hall of Fame was in football or baseball, and did not know that law school ever had such a thing," Shore grinningly noted. "Being select-
ed and honored was a good thing for me and ed and honored was
the school though."
"It was an honor but not something I was searching for or campaigning for or anything," he said
sixth group and his fellow inductees were the includes more than 50 since 2004, which now ductees included Kay Eddy, Harvey Firestone III and family, Edward and Bonnie Foreman Ruthann Robson, Gary Trombley and Dan "It all caught me off guard when I got the


Jim Shore speaks at the Hall of Branai Paimer Jim shore speaks at the rall orlil on the Stetson Law Gulfport campus on Oct. 23 .
letter. I actually got a phone call first though
otifying me I was selected as a designee or
honoree." Shore said, "It is a small school and it has a reputation nationwide as a law school, and there are a lot of lawyers from the school
that are here and there and so forth succeeding now." For Shore, the road into law began after he ost his sight. He worked in construction and as a cowboy early in his life but was born with
sight in only one eye. He lost his remaining vion in an automobile a cident in 1970 After deciding to attend a junior college
for two years, he continued his education at for two years, he continued his education at
Stetson, earning a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1976. He then decided to apply to law school and was accepted. To learn the lessons in class, he used a method of tape recording class lectures and listening to them for numerous hours
to retain the information. This routine helped to retain the information. This routine helped
him develop a keen hearing. In 1980, he would become the first school. After finishing law school, he became the Tribe's deputy counsel, and a year later he became General Counsel, where he presently Somains. of his other noted accomplishments
Somer include helping develop the Seminole Police

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Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Curator Saul Drake takes an interactive scroll through the Seminole War Timeline's touchtable, a new historic feature that allows up to 10 people to view Seminole history right before their eyes at the same time.

## Ah-Thh-Thi-Ki Museum Launches Seminole War Timeline Touchtable

BIG CYPRESS - Picture using your iPhone or MP3 podcast and having the opportunity to go through the Seminole War Timeline.
The chance to do that is now made a reality by visiting the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress.
According to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Curator Saul Drake, the Seminole War Timeline touchtable, which launched in August, is the newest piece of technology at the facility and has an array of features that make it similar to using a personal iPhone.
of the touchpad "Wiece of equipment, you have 200 points of touch," Drake said to touch this at the same time."
Drake said that up to 10 people can look at the Seminole War Timeline Drake said that up to 10 .
at once.
"As move your hands across [the touchpad], you're interacting with "As you move your the screen," Drake said. points can take the individual through audio, video and texts of information related to the Seminole Wars. The touchtable device, powered by Microsoft Surface, operates like a conventional computer desktop and features galleries
and folders such as photo archives, oral histories and the touted war timeline. and folders such as photo archives, oral histories and the touted war timeline. In addition, one could listen to audio of the Seminole War Timeline via
the use of a podcast on an MP3 player or iPhone. the use of a podcast on an MP3 player or iPhocte.
"We uploaded the information on the touchtable,
take an audio tour of anything that's on there."
The Seminole War Timeline is comprised of the three Seminole Wars fought on United States soil in the 19th century. It includes links to the events leading up to each of the wars and what transpired during and after the action "It's really easy for people to jump right to those things," Drake said. "If
they don't want to go through the detailed parts of history, they don't have to."

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## Tribal Student Jarrid Smith Graduates

 with Master's Degree from FAU

Graduate Jarrid Smith picks up his degree after the See more graduation ceremonies at Florida Atlantic University. photos on 4B


## MUSEUM

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A standout feature of the Seminole War Timeline is a correspondence display that shows all world history events that occurred in the particular Seminole War time period.
For example, on Aug. 5, 1842, one For example, on Aug. 5, 1842, one
could look at the standoff between Seminole War hero Chief Billy Bowlegs and the U.S. military in South Florida. Also on the timeline is an account of the Opium War, which took place in the Far East and marked the relevance of Hong Kong.
"Not only does the timeline allow you
scroll through, it gives you the option to interact with it," Drake said. "It brings up a card and gives you a synopsis of what happened in those Seminole, wars and other events in that time period."

Paintings of events related to the Semi-
Wars can also be seen when touring the nole Wars can also be seen when touring the
timeline. One example is a work of Guy Labre, a famous artist who painted a portrait of a battle between the Seminole warriors and the U.S. military in the 19th century. If you're interested in the picture, you could blou
it up and take a detailed look at it" Drake "Ya it up and take a detailed look at it," Drake said. "You
could also play a video of the Second Seminole Wa could also play a video of the Second Seminole Wa
time period. It gives you a sense of what went on in his time period. It
tory back then.
With the With the Seminole War Timeline touchtable, tou
groups can go through the courses of


The Seminole War Timeline's screen monitor views a television interview that Everett Osceola of the Seminole Channel had with Ah-Tah-Thi Ki Museum's Pedro Zepeda on Seminole war history.
more about these moments
"It's a really good teaching tool," Drake said. "We really want to explore those events that happened in the Seminole Wars. There's nothing out there on the Seminole Wars and culture, so we wanted to pay homage to
that period of time. It's so influential to the Seminoles that period of time. It's so influential to the Seminoles The Seminole War Timeline will be a permanent fixture at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, according to Drake. For more information on the Semine groups can go through the courses of events to learn line, call the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at 863-902-3211.


Stetson University President Wendy Libby Ph.D. with Jim Shore at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony

## SHORE

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ter use challenges with the U.S. government and state of Florida, and ne-
gotiating the $2007-10$ Tribal gaming compact agreements/acquisition of the Hard Rock Hotel, restaurant and casi-
no franchise no franchise operations. He also finds
time to engage in volunteer work with nonprofit civil organizations. As the state of Florida's oldest law school, Stetson University College of Law meekly began in October 1900 with five white male students in the town of DeLand with its first graduat-
ing class in 1902. In 1954, the campus moved to a 21 -acre area in Gulfport. Through the years, it has developed into one of Americas top-ranked trial advocacy programs (ranking first in the nation eight times and ranking second three times) with recognized
programs in elder law, international law, the field of higher education law and policy For more information, visit www. law.stetson.edu.

## To: all Tribal members, employees and friends

After the past few months of diligently working on various projects throughout the year, the time has come for all of ans to cone together we have made it through yet another year. May the many blessings of love, your loved ones this holiday season. I wish for everyone to have a good but safe time and from my family to yours, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mvto,
Sho-naa-bish,
Thank you,
President Richard Bowers President Richard Bowers


Winterfest Grand Marshal Reception Features Brooke Burke


Seminole Media Productions Broadcast Reporter Briana D'Andrea interviews 2010
Winterfest Grand Marshal Brooke Burke at the annual reception held at the Hard See more Rock poolside Dec 10. The Dancing with the Stars co-host was on hand as part of photos on 8A Winterfest boat parade festivities aboard the lead showboat held on Dec. 11


Kiana Bell works on her key and stroke techniquen on Kiana Bell works on her key and stroke techniques on
the piano during music lessons at the Hollywood Boys the piano during music lessons at the Hollywood Boys
\& Girls Club on Nov. 29 .


Music student Kyler Bell, left, takes instruction on playing the drums from Boys \& Girls Club counselor and music
eacher James Payne.


## Community



Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie, left,
Seminole Princesses Crown FSU Homecoming Chief and Princess

## BY RYAN WATSON

TALLAHASSEE, Fla ore than 60 years since Florida State ing Weersity hosted its inaugural Homecomnal event in 1948, the state university that features Seminoles as a vital part, regularly On Nov. 5 the Seminole Princesses emat the FSU Homecoming Parade which feat tured hundreds of partici Parade, which fea

Among the Tribal members on hand an Wanda Bowers, who travels to Tallahas
see with Miss Florida Seminole and Jr. Miss Florida Seminole every year to crown FSU's Homecoming Chief and Princess. up there and my Chairman has said, 'Go and Princess,' and we say, 'sure,'" said FSU always shows the Tribe first-class ospitality, Bowers added "Every year we come up here we get treated really awesome," she said. "The alumni [are] great, and the new president is
Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie said she felt right at home in the colegiate atmosphere. "I'm not really nervous being out here in front of all these people."
Jimmie said she is giving serious con
sideration to the prospect of attending FSU in the future. "This really just feels like a big The parade also featured two of the Tribe's youngest royalty in Little Mr. Seminole Hunter Howard and Little Miss SemiHunter and Elle's Ford Thunderbird Hunter and Elle's Ford Thunderbird Convertible was the first car in the three-car
line of Seminole royalty to hit the streets of the parade around FSU's campus. They were followed by Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Lorelei Tommie in a Chevrolet Corvette convertible and Miss Florida Seminole Jim-
mie in a Mercedes-Benz convertible.

Please see FSU on page 10A

Fort Pierce Hope Center Design Wins Architecture Award

BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Writer
DELRAY BEACH, Fla. - Recog ized for designing the Fort Pierce Com munity Hope Center, the architectural grou
Leo A. Daly received a merit award of ex cellence by the Palm Beach Chapter of the nual award ceremony held Nov 19 its anOld School Square Cultural Arts Center i Delray Beach.
Leo A. Daly got the award in design o Le A. Daly got the award in design o
the upcoming community center in the UnA Daly was awarded 16 submissions, Leo given out.
tinguished award presentenored of the disfor their creativity in designing our build- ny the name of the building was revealed;

Tribal Council Convenes in Hollywood for Special Meeting

## BY CHRIS C. JENKINS <br> Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD - The Tribal Council met on the Hollywood Reservation for special meeting Nov. 30 to pass a series of resolutions on the consent and regular agendas including: - Fourth Amendment to the 23 rd annual work plan submitted to the South Florida - Management District agreement for the water resource investigation.

PDI Communications, Inc., Bulk Rate Agreement

- DIRECTV, Inc., First Amendment to the 2009 agreement for DBS Satellite Exhibi tion of Programming.
- Approval of E\&E Consulting Engineers, Inc. service agreement for housing ser
- Landscape maintenance services agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida DBA Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino-Hollywood and Lawn Boyz, LLC.
corporate operations with Honeywell International Inc., renewal; ratification
- Florida Department of Health Prehospital Emergency Medical Services Track and Reporting System (EMSTARS) Data Sharing Agreement.
- Amended and restated operating agreement for Seminole HR Holdings, LLC


## Tribal Council Convenes in Brighton for Special Meeting <br> BY RACHEL BUXTON Staff Writer

BRIGHTON - The Tribal Council held a special meeting Dec. 15 at the Brighton eterans' Building and passed a series of resolutions including:

- Informedrx, Inc. client agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.
$\bullet$ The Goss Agency, Inc. personal services agreement; phase III advertising brand - Approval of service agreement for GAP Consulting Group, LTD. to assist in updat ing the Seminole Tribe of Florida population/infrastructure forecasting model.
- Approval of amended and restated Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal athlete spon orship program policies and procedures.
- Seminole Tribe of Florida Indian Reservation roads inventory update of Holly the St. Lucie County Trust Land, and update, amend and adopt the long-range transporta-- A resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservations Roads Transportaion Program affirming the Tribal transportation funds priority list for fiscal years 2011 F13, 2014 and 2015. Justice Assistance Grant; ratification.
- Approval of first amendment to the license agreement with Hard Rock Café Inter national (USA), Inc. for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino - Tampa.
 pooi, sauna, walking track and cuitural center that will offer Rendering of the Fort Pierce Community Hope Center "Due language classes. "Due to the Fort Pierce reservation having less land mass than our The Unbuilt submissions were judged than 280 members and presents awards other reservations, we are able to combine $\begin{aligned} & \text { by individuals and members of the Ameri- } \\ & \text { several facilities into this uniquely designed three categories: Built Projects, Un- } \\ & \text { can }\end{aligned}$ Institute of Architects from the leading
built Projects and Test of Time -25 year structure," Tommie said.



World famous Cuban singer, songwriter and actress Gloria Estefan, left, with husband Emilio Estefan, right, and singer Jon Secada.


Photo above, from left, Tribal citizens Neil Sanders, Mercedes Osceola, Virginia Osceola and infant Dahlia Sanders got together for the grand opening of Bongos Cuban
Café. Photo below, Cachao band performs outside of Cafe. Ph
Bongos.


## Red Carpet Event at Hard Rock <br> Bongos Cuban Café Has Grand Opening,

Winterfest Black-tie Ball Kicks Off Annual Winterfest Festivities at Hard Rock


##  Hendidid

 2009 Seminole Star Search Vol. II advance CD listening party held at the Seminole Star Search headquarters in Hollywood on Nov. 30.

2009 Grand

## Seminole Star Search

 Grand Prize Winners Hold Listening Party
## $\frac{\text { BY CHRIS C. JENKINS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$

HOLLYWOOD - The next wave of Tribal talent on the music scene got their chance to shine in front of friends and family as the Seminole Star
Search Volume II advance CD listening party celSearch Volume II advance CD listening p.
ebrated the Grand Prize winners of 2009. The Nov. 30 event was held at the Okalee
Village and featured Tribal citizens Tori Osceola, Preston Osceola and Sheree Sneed in their first opportunity to hear and present their completed work
to the public. Micki Free Seminole Heritage Events and Promotions Director emceed.
Junior youth and varsity/teen category winners
Tori Osceola and Preston Osceola both performed Tori Osceola and Preston Osceola both performed.
Tori sang her version of the popular rock hit "My Hero" by the band the Foo Fighters. Preston per-
formed some of his original songs including the tune "Protected." Each artist recorded three original or cover
songs for the upcoming project set for release in early 2011. It will be distributed through Amazon. com and iTunes.
Osceola said hearing her song at the party was "At first it was kind of weird, but when I start ed to really pay attention to it, it really felt good to
hear," Tori, 12 , said. "I have always wanted to be on stage, since I was around 5 years old." lift me up until I can do it myself," she said.
from the 2010 finale held in August, includin youth and adult category winners Natomah Rob bins and hip-hop group Unconquered Bird Clan. "It feels awesome. I went for my dream and Cypress Reservation.
The three members of UBC graciously gave thanks to the guests and audience in attendance. "This is a once in a lifetime experience and we can no let it blow over," Derrick 'Lo-Ki' Timothy
said. "We are trying to enjoy the moment, and without God we would not be here right now," Trevius Dobson and Travelis ‘Wiggy’ Timothy are also members of the 20-something group and "It is such a blessing and our hard work has finally paid off. Hustlers do not sleep, they nap," The three will also be produced by Prince Markie Dee, legendary hip-hop pioneer and disc jockey
at 99.1 Jamz FM radio. "This is a part of another first [among Native Tribes], and another event I want to repeat," said
Tribal Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr. "It all helps Tribal Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr. "It all helps
to teach a healthy lifestyle and something we [as to teach a healthy lifestyle and something we [as The other 2010 finalists on hand included
Shelli Tiger, Paul 'Cowbone' Buster, Salina Dorgan, Corinne Zepeda and Ted Nelson Sr. also made an appearance in support.


2010 Seminole Star Search adult category winners Unconquered Bird Clan at the listening party.


Seminole Star Search 2010 Spotlight Award winner Ted Nelson Sr performs an acoustic version of one of his songs.

## HURRICANE SEASON UPDATE

Statistics Show 2010 Hurricane Season as One of the Busiest on Record

extensive property damage and casualties Hurricane Earl bypassed the East Coast but brought massive flooding to North Caro-
ina. Tropical Storm Hermine made landfall ina. Tropical Storm Hermine made landfall been blamed for six deaths there. In South Florida, we received some heavy rains but no damage from Tropical Storms Bonnie
and Nicole. Other parts of the Atlantic baand Nicole. Other parts of the Atlantic ba-
sin region were not so fortunate There was in region were not so fortunate. There was
Hurricane Tomas, which brought destruction and more misery to Haiti, and there were numerous storms such as Alex that struck Eastern Mexico and Central America where they produced heavy rain, mudslides and extensive flooding. But perhaps most
importantly, there were no major hurricanes importantly, there were no major hurricanes
in the Gulf of Mexico to further exacerbate the calamity of the BP oil spill.
As we close the book on the 2010 Atlantic Hurricane Season and breathe a collective sigh of relief, we must keep in mind
that it was one of the most active on record hat it was one of the most active on record and follows a pattern of busy hurricane
seasons that began in 1995. Unfortunately, scientists expect this trend to continue for the next several years, so we should plan to prepare for the upcoming 2011 hurricane eason and beyond.

The Department of Emergency Management urges all Tribal members and employees to be vigilant for
hazards, not just hurricanes.
Please keep the 2010 All Hazards Guide handy, and look for a new, updated Guide in the spring of 2011.
For more information, visit the Departat http://www.stofemd.com, call the offices in Hollywood (954-966-6300, ext. 11773), Big Cypress (863-983-2150, ext.12740) or
Brighton (863-357-7620, ext. 15805), or


The Seminole Color Guard begins the Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Celebration with a grand march. reached the other car and retrieved the plaques. As they headed back to the event, the young lady began to breathe again,
hoping all along that one of the invited speakers would get long winded! Nervous stomach, silly, scary thoughts - but as their car turned onto Snake Road for the second
time in less than an hour, laughter started to creep into their conversation - they had to creep into their conversation - they had
a story to share. Lady luck was with them, and they made it back in time to have the plaques presented during the program.
The event was a total success, as it usually is. Everyone was pleased and proud to honor the war heroes. So, when attend
ing the next function, remember those who ing the next function, remember those who
work behind the scenes. Think about those individuals who deal with glitches that always seem to happen at any event - they
usually handle them with grace and finesse, and the "show goes on," often with only a handful of people knowing anything out o So, as we salute the heroes of our many (too many) wars, let's also give praise to
the individuals who work tirelessly behind the individuals who work tirelessly behind
the scenes to give us uplifting and wonderthe scenes to give
ful experiences.

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## Tribal Council Officials Recognized for Supporting Various Events



Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., upper far right, and Troy Weekley, president of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Southeastern Region, third from left, present custom-designed Southeastern Circuit Rode Finals jackets, belt buckles and plaques to Tribal Council officials. The officials were recognizec dupport for the Nov. 4-6 event held at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds in Davie.


Tribal Council displays custom-made bobblehead dolls in their likeness presented to each Media Productions. The tour concluded in early November with the Steve Mizerak 10-Ball Championships held at the Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino.

Communications Tower Dismantling Project Completed


Tribal Realty Services Officer Bill Abell far lift stands near the almostcoled俍 area will now be used for housing development. A new tower was relocated and built for operation on vacant space off of State Road 7 in groundbreaking ceremonies June 10.

## Joe Osceola Sr. Celebrates his 85th Birthday

## BY JUDY WEEKS

BIG CYPRESS - Family and friends came from all
 tion of Joe Osceola Sr.'s 85th birthday on Nov. 13. A capac-
ity crowd filled the Eddie Billie Fellowship Hall at the Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church for dinner and then moved int Clan Osceola Sr. was born on Nov, 10, 1925, in a remote village located deep within the boundaries of what has
become the Everglades National Park near the Dade/Collie County line. He is one of 13 children belonging to Jimmie Truitt Osceola and Mary Motlow Osceola.
The old adage that time stands still for no man definitely The old adage that time stands still for no man definitely
applies to Osceola Sr. and his siblings, who have seen the
massive transformation of the Florida swamplands and the es tablishment and recognition of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Throughout this journey, they have made a positive contribution to their fellow Tribal members and always strived to protect and preserve the land that they are a part of while creating
a future for their descendents. a future for their descendents.
In his 85 years, Osceola Sr. has found it necessary to frepletion of the Tamiami Trail opened a corridor through his


Joe Osceola Sr., center, laughs as he shares memories with two of his children, Trail Liaison William Osceola and Janice Osceola.
Everglades homeland from the East to West Coast This Osceola. Church members followed with a medley of his $\begin{aligned} & \text { favorite tunes and offered numerous recollections of his }\end{aligned}$ Everglades homeland from the East to West Coast. This cre- long association with the church and community. Junior Bis the evolution of the Seminole people. $\quad$ Special entertainment for the evening included The Jona "When I was a boy, we were taught to live off the land," thans, a gospel-singing group from Bremen, Ga. Evangelis said Osceola Sr. "My parents hunted, fished and raised a gar- Pastor Wayne Harjo of the Buckeye Baptist Church of Oke den to feed us. They were always working hard to make things mah, Okla. led the congregation in fellowship and praise. to trade. It would take us two days to get to Miami in a dug out canoe,
and we would cook our food over and we would cook our food over a
fire built in the sand in the bottom of the canoe." sand in the bottom As a young couple, Joe and
Martha Osceola recognized the changes necessary in order to meet the needs of their family and estab-
lished a home on the Dania Reslished a home on the Dania Res-
ervation. Beginning in a chickee, they graduated to a small shed, then a two-room house and finally a small concrete block residence as the number of their children grew
to three girls and five boys. to three girls and five boys. For several years, Osceola Sr.
would travel to Miami each day where he had a job parking cars. Eventually, he learned how to operate heavy equipment and do
light mechanical repairs. Looking toward the future, he invested in a small herd of cattle on the Brighton them an opportunity to get a good

Reservation. His goal was to pro-
vide for left, Joe Osceola Jr., Joe Osceola, Sr. and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Council Rep. Max B. Osceo
vildren, and to give
la Jr. reminisce about family experiences that helped to shape their lives.
 la Jr. reminisce about family experiences that helped to shape their lives.

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## STOF - Tribal Historic Preservation Office Presents at National Tribal Geographic Information System Conference in New Mexico <br> BY JOSH OOYMAN

Tribal Historic Preservation Office Big Cypress Reservation BIG CYPRESS - This October, the Seminole Tribe of Florida - Tribal Historic
Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) staff
traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend and present at the 2010 National Tribal GIS Conference (NTGISC). The attendees
from THPO were Paul Backhouse (Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer), Juan Cancel (Chief Data Analyst), and Josh Ooynote speaker was Tina Osceola, the Chief Historic Resources Officer at the STOF Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology permits the integration of digital
map information with attribute information map information with attribute information
about the features on the map. GIS allows for vast amounts of data to be captured, stored, analyzed, and displayed on one map,
which is especially useful when horizontally integrating, or overlaying, the various datasets. The capacity to compare all sorts of geographic datasets, such as roadways, power line locations, lease boundaries, and
archaeological sites, to name a few, is a


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By CONNIE WHIDDEN

## Health Director

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Patient Services Coordinator at one of the Seminole Clinics so that a new card can be given to you. Please begin showing your new card to medica Ond dental providers and to the pharmacy on February 1, 2011 .
an On February 1, 2011 we will begin using a new company to manage your prescription drug benefit called Express Scripts. Your new card
will contain the Express Scripts logo along with other information tha will contain the Express Scripts logo along with other information that
the pharmacy will need in order to fill your prescriptions. It is important the pharmacy will need in order to fill your prescriptions. It is important
that you show your new Health Plan card the pharmacy when getting prescriptions filled beginning February 1, 2011. If you do not show your new card at the pharmacy, the pharmacy will not be able to process your prescription. In addition, beginning January 1,2011 , there will be changes to your
Health Plan book. Some of the changes to -Children's Center for Diagnostics \& Therapy include:
was added (see inside cover of Book)
$\cdot$ Outpatient services for Mental Health, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and other Behavioral Health Treatment (page 10)
-Pediatric (birth to 21 years of age) Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy (page 10)

- Eyewear benefit increased (page 10)
-Smoking Cessation Prescription Medication (page 11) - Diabetic and Orthopedic Shoes (page 14)
Please review the book and keep it on hand

Please contact the Health Plan Office if you have any questions about
Pren or benefits at 1-866-505-6789. If you do not receive a Health Plan card and book in the mail, please Big Cypress Health Clinic: 863-983-5151 Hollywood Health Clinic: 954-962-2009 Brighton Health Clinic: 863-763-0271 Immokalee Health Clinic: 239-867-3400
Tampa Field Office: 813-620-2860

by lt bruce britton Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue

The holiday season is a time of happiness and joy, spent with family and friends sharing their most precious and memorable moments together. Parents do their best to provide presents for their children and deck their homes with lav-
ish decorations, colorful lights, and of course, the ish decorations, colorful lights, and of course, the just another wonderful time of the year, but, for others it can suddenly become a "living nightmare." December is considered the most dangerous month because each year during the holiday,
fires cause thousands of injuries and millions of fires cause thousands of injuries and millions of
dollars in damages and property loss. Almost all dollars in damages and property loss. Almost all
of these incidents could have been prevented with a few simple precautionary measures. For example, keeping a tree moist and routinely turning off the holiday lights greatly reduces the risk of a residential fire. Please take the time to read and share this information with others. It could mean
the difference between life and death.

## Selecting a Tree

- Needles on a tree should be green and hard to pull back from branches. - The trunk should be sticky with resin. This Old trees can be identifie tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off the tree has been cut too long and as a result is
dry. Cut off 1-2 inches of the tree trunk to help absorb water.

Artificial trees should be flame-retardan and labeled UL approved.

## Caring for your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source. tree. Keep cigarettes and ash trays away from the .Keep your tree stand filled with water fo

Holiday Lights •Do not burn your tree and have
-Unplug holiday lights when leaving your
home or going to bed. Most residential fires occur during the nighttime. Do not overload electrical outlets and extenonnerds. A maximum of three strands should be terie -Inspect electrical cords periodically for heat sible nd remove them if they are hot. -Keep children from playing with the electri-- Keep children from playing with decorative lights because the small detachable light bulbs are

Holiday Decorations - All decorations should retardant and labeled as UL approved. $\bullet$ Choose child-friendly decorations, ornaments and toys that will not harm them
(avoid sharp edges and small pieces that are easy to swallow).
$\cdot$ Keep way from any heat source
Candle Care - Use a stable candle $\cdot$ Do not place candles on or near the tree. candles unattended learning Dispong Tree ${ }^{\text {Disposing of your }}$ •Remove your tree
shortly after Christmas because it will become dry and flammable. -Do not place branches
in a fireplace. in a fireplace. holiday!

## Fire Pre-Plan

Check the smoke detectors for working bat A fire extinguisher should be easily accesDo not place your Christmas tree by an along the pathway of an exit.

## Create an escape plan w

 exits out of each room.We hope that these safety tips have been helpful and wish you a happy and safe Christma


## The Spirit of The Holidays Is All Around Us



FROM OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM R. LATCHFORD
It is with great enthusiasm I wish each of you a healthy and happy holi day season. As we begin to take part in planning for the holidays, it is a me of the year that is anticipated with joy in our hearts. Let us first ake
moment to give thanks for the blessings in our lives including the Seminole Tribe of Florida, our family, good health and the ability to enjoy each othe during this time of the year. Whether we celebrate our holidays through timehonored traditions or we begin new traditions of our own, it is important we have a good attitude toward those around us. A great way to celebrate the holidays is to pass along a Christmas story from your childhood. This is a
time-honored valuable legacy and a sensational way to spend time together that will truly be cherished for years to come. Enjoy the holidays and let us all look forward to a prosperous and Happy New Year in 2011. May God Bless each of you today and every day.

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## Seminole Hard Rock Sponsors the Winterfest Boat Parade in Fort Lauderdale

Hard Rock Makes It in the Guinness Book of World Records with Major Guitar Smashing Event


The 2010 Tribal vessel floats down the river. This year's theme was Dancing through the Decades!
More photos from the Winterfest Grand Marshal Reception Featuring Brooke Burke


Brooke Burke, "Dancing with the Stars" coWinterfest Grand Marshal reception.

Tribal citizen and Winterfest boat parade participant Max Osceola III is interviewed about the grandeur and traditions o
Winterfest with Seminole Broadcasting.


#### Abstract

BYaff Reporter HOLLYWOOD - In typical Hard Rock fashion, a grand opening was accompanied by the Ttage. Tribal citizens, officials, Seminole Gaming executives, invited casino guests and various charity supporters partook in the grand opening celebra- tion of the new Winner's Way Parking Garage with an extraordinary ceremonial guitar smash of 1914 non-musician quality acoustic guitars at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel \& Casino. The Dec. 15 event was documented and recorded for the Guinness Book of World Records as the World's Largest Guitar Smash, with a rep- resentative on site to observe and certify the experesentative on site to observe and certify the expe- rience and also featured a special performance by Grammy-award winning pop group Huey Lewis and the News. Kicking off the evening was a VIP cocktail reception for participants and guests before braving the chilly weather. "I am glad to be here tonight, we are a part of history. This is the place to be," Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. said to the local media prior to the evening's activities. With the addition of 2,400 new parking spaces, the grand total comes to more than 12,000 along with 15 elevators, six escalators, a 351 -foot-tall pe- destrian bridge to Seminole Paradise a 164 -footdestrian bridge to Seminole Paradise, a 164 -footsystem. The property also offers guest valet and self parking in the adjacent Seminole Way and


 Lucky Street Garages, as well as several surface parking lot areas.
"Now it will be much easier for the gaming situation because now everyone will be comfortable Zach Battiest said. "This whole thing was really major for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and especial being in the record books." The 112-foot, one million-square-foot project be-
gan in April and cost an estimated $\$ 50$ million while gan in April and cost and "This is what we have been waiting for all alon so that we would have more garage space for people said Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress. The event was a "smashing" success for invitee and guitar smash participant Kimberly Courtland of Deer- A representative from the Ann Storck Center of
field Beach


New Century Dance Group members perform during the Winterfest Grand Marshal reception


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Participants prepare to smash their guitars in unison

 prayer for success of the Culture Day event.


Big Cypress senior Lucille Jumper was one of three winners in Bingo play.


Big Cypress senior Joe Billie Jr. said he was pleased with how the festivities played out at the Family Investment Center. "I wasn't expecting this," he said. "A whole lot of our seniors came out to show support for our Seminole culture. It
shows that our Seminole pride is still alive and well. And it starts with our seniors, who pave the way for all of our Tribal citizens in Seminole country."

BIG CYPRESS SENIORS CULTURE DAY RESULTS

## Bingo

Game \#1 Winner - Letter " $X$ ": Lucille Jumper; Game \#2 Winner - Crazy Letter "L": Claudia
Doctor; Game \#3 Winner - Cover All: Pilot Billie Archery - After Three Rounds of Play 1. Joe B. Osceola (58 points), 2. Louise Billie
(34 points), 3. Allen Jumper (29 points), 4. Joe ( Jr 4 points), Bilie $(28$. Alien points), 5 . Carol Cypress ( 3 points).


Big Cypress senior Louise Billie takes proper aim Big Cypress ser
for her target.

Big Cypress Seniors' Culture Day Features Archery, Bingo, Traditional Cooking and More


Left photo, for the Nov. 30 Big Cypress Seniors' Culture Day, Tribal Elder Ruby Osceola makes some fry bread for lunch under a cooking chickee at the Family Investment Center in Big Cypress. Culture Day, which consisted of traditional foods, Bingo and archery, was held in conjunction with the November birthday luncheon for the Big Cypress seniors.
"We grew up cooking food outside," Ruby Osceola said. "There was no refrigerator, no stove, no nothing like that in our day." Photo above, five Tribal seniors participated in the archery competition at Culture Day.

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## FSU

## From page 3

The Friday events continued after the parade as FSU's Powwow, another of FSU's pregame rituals. "I just try to have the
girls all dressed and ready girls all dressed and ready,
because when we are out because when we are out
here, people see them in their Seminole clothes, and they want to take pictures with them so I just try to keep them all prepared," Bowers said.
Saturday's Saturday's
started with tl FSU Alumni Homecoming Breakfast, where Lorelei and Jimmie distributed handmade Seminole arts
and crafts to the attendees. and crafts to the attendees.
The ladies took pictures with dozens of alumni and enjoyed a fruitful breakfast. to the hours leading and Bowers traveled to and Bowers traveled to
the Cooley Ranch to take the Cooley Ranch to take
pictures for the design of th pictures for the design of the Miss Florida Seminole
2010-11 statue before heading to Doak Campbell Stadium for the 2010 Homecoming game versus the North Carolina Tar Heels.
At halftime, Tommie and Jimmie made their way
across the center of Bobby Bowden Field to crown across the center of Bobby Bowden Field to crown the Homecoming Chief and Princess
 From left, Cassandr's Ryan Watson From left, Cassandra's mom Elsa Zamora, Cassandra Jimmie, Wanda Bowers and Bradley "My favorite part of this weekend was crowning the king," Jimmie said. "I enjoyed being out on the
field and getting to see everybody"" field and getting to see everybody." just feel really honored to be here," Tommie said The young ladies and their families enjoyed the remainder of the game in the President's Box at Doak Campbell Stadium


Wanda Bowers, Cassandra Jimmie and Lorelei Tommie stand in front of FSU's Osceola and Renegade at FSU's Homecoming Game egade at FSU's Homecoming Game.

# If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, 

You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

## Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and - Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you either:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or - Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.


## What does the Settlement provide?

The $\$ 760$ million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between $4 \%$ and $8 \%$, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to $\$ 80$ million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional $\$ 20$ million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?
The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.
Track A - You can get a payment up to $\$ 50,000$ for your discrimination claim plus an additional $25 \%$ paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.
Track B - You can get the amount of your actual damages up to $\$ 250,000$. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness - Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional $25 \%$ paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

## How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by December 24, 2011 to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by February 28, 2011. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by February 28, 2011.

The Court will hold a hearing on April 28, 2011 to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

USS Jason Dunham Servicemen
'Spend the Day with the Seminoles'

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter
BIG CYPRESS - An invitation to 'Spend the Day with the Seminoles' was quickly accepted by 100 naval personnel
recently assigned to the USS Jason Dunham and their families on Nov. 12. and their families on Nov. 12.
Learning that the USS Jason Dunham, a 510 -foot naval missile destroyer, was going to be commissioned at Port Everglade
in Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 13, the Semi in Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 13, the Semi-
nole Tribe of Florida offered complimentary day packages to the Billie Swamp Safari
and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. Coordinating and Al-Iah-Thi-Ki Museum. Coordinating
the event was Jo Anne Lewis, Social CoChirrwoman of the Commissioning Com-
mittee and Joe Ferrero. mittee and Joe Ferrero.
and we are extremely grateful to the Seminole Tribe for offering us this opportunity to
share in such a rewarding experience," share in such a rewarding experience."
"This is a first trip to Florida for the majority of our detachment, and the things that we have seen here today can hold their own in comparison to some of the extraordinary
places that we have visited in other parts of places that we have visited in other parts of
the world," continued Siri. "Until today, I thought that I had ridden on just about every type of boat imaginable, but I can now add
an airboat to my list of unforgettable experian airboat to my list of unforgettable experi-
ences." ences."
A 17 -year veteran, Ronald Virgin Sr.
has been active duty in Kuwait Iraq and Iran and served with the Special Warfare Unit attached to the Navy Seals. His wife, three children and both of his parents have traveled from Virginia and Ohio to participate with him in the commissioning ceremonies. "My entire
family have enjoyed themselves family have enjoyed themselves
immensely and learned a great deal abment the Seminole Indians during today's visit. I am certain that this is going to be the highlight of their va-
cation, and it has given me a wondercation, and it has given me a wonder-
ful chance to spend quality time with
my children."
"The USS Dunham will be assigned to the Naval Station in Norfolk, Va. for a short period of time before receiving its official orders
of deployment," concluded Virgin. of deployment," concluded Virgin.
"Fortunately for me, my family lives Fortunately for me, my family lives near the base and we will remain
there throughout the Christmas holi-
days. That is not the case for most of recruits here today who are a long way from home. The Seminole Tribe has certainly given them something to write home

about." | The group included individuals from 27 |
| :--- | cross section of the U.S. Military, they represented many different cultures and ethnic backgrounds but all expressed their desire to learn more about the Seminoles and their

unique homeland. unique homeland.
Marcia Cypress of Seminole Exchange provided an extensive complimentary buffet for the visiting armed forces and their families. The menu included kid-friendly items, as well as adult favorites. A highlight
of the luncheon was the opportunity to samof the luncheon was the opportunity to sam-
ple gator bites, which were a novelty to the ple gator bites, which were a novelty to the
entire company. Spending a full day in Big Cypress, the group took an eco-swamp buggy tour, rode on the airboats and visited the critter
show at Billie Swamp Safari. A cultural and show at Billie Swamp Safari. A cultural and
history review awaited them at the Ah-Tah-

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Named 21st Spot on Everglades Trail

tact."
In 2003, the ETA began the Everglades Trail project that was
initiated by Wilderness Graphics, Inc. and The Nature Conservancy. The Everglades Trail was
introduced by former Unit introduced by former United

Youth from Boys \& Girls Club Enchant the Audience with Holiday Music Concert


Boys \& Girls Club holiday youth performance concert participants get together at the Hollywood Boys \& Girls Club Dec. 10, allowing the musicians to perform and sing cover songs for the evening guests. From left, music instructor R.C. North, Cameron Osceola, Shelli Tiger, Natomah Robbins, Aaron Osceola, and music instructor James Payne, back row, Annisa Osceola and Ashley Osceola.


Top photo, R.C. North Sr. Boys \& Girls Club director, thanks parents and invited guests for their attendance and support of the
youth concert. Photo above, Seminole Star youth concert. Photo above, Seminole Star sings a Christmas carol.


Tribal citizen and accomplished musician R.C. North Jr. performs on stage.

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## Education

## Pemayetv Emahakv Students Get More Hands-On Experience During Annual Culture Day

## BY rachel buxton

 Staff ReporterBRIGHTON hool took part in their annual Culture Day Nov. 17-18 by getting o be a little more hands on with this year's activities held at the Sture Camp at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton, Students in kindergarten through eighth g They are the ones that are going to carry it on from us," said culture teacher Reina Micco. "If
The younger grades arrived for Culture Day Nov. 17 and jumped
from activity to activity. The older boys learned carving technique from activity to activity. The older boys learned carving techniques,
while the younger ones practiced on soap as a safe alternativ. while the younger ones practiced on soap as a safe alternative. As
the boys carved, the girls learned how to make traditional fry bread


Tribal girls from Pemayetv Emahaky Charter School mix the dough in preparation for frying the bread their and Tribal girls from Per-
Culture Day Nov. 17-18

Herbert Jim from the Tampa community contributed his time once again for Culture Day by capturing the youth's attention with
legends and storytelling. Jim told traditional stories about the Crelegends and storyteliing. Jim
ator and late Seminole spirits.
For fun, the students' third cultural activity included a scaven ger hunt that tested their Creek language skills. Students were given clues and were challenged to answer the riddle and run through the Sixth through eighth grade had their Culture Day Nov 18 . Th Sixth through eighth grade had their Culture Day Nov. 18. The
students started with hands-on learning as they were taught the prop er traditional way to clean, prepare and butcher a hog and more than 60 fish.
"This year it was much smaller," culture history teacher Jade Braswell said. "We had the hog and it was just the eighth grade, and
there's just three boys over there and they were all in it" here's just three boys over there and they were all in it." After preparing the meat, the girls took over and began the
cooking process by placing the meat in skillets on the fire under cooking process by placing the meat in skillets on the fire under the cooking chickee. The girls
learned how to properly season and fry the meat. "Again, with the smaller
groups there's more interacgroups there's more interac-
tion, and we have some elders tion, and we have some elders
here that can explain the prohere that can explain the pro-
cess from start to finish," Bras well said.
As with the younger grades, when the girls cooked
and prepared the and prepared the traditional
meal, the boys took to carving meal, the boys took to carving,
painting and learning the craft of tomahawk carving. This year, more volunteers from the community helped to share the
culture. culture.
Zachary Gopher, a new Student at Pemayetv Emahakv,
participated in his first Culture Day and said he enjoyed learning how his ancestors once lived. He also said he never
leaned anything like it at the learned anything like it at the public school he recently at-
tended. After the food was pre-
pared, the students, staff and volunteers enjoyed a tradi-
tional lunch including the hog fish and bread prepared by the fish and
girls.


Mike Micco helps Layne Thomas carve as the boys learn to carve cypress, the type of wood their


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Culture Departonts Anber Bur Culture Department's Amber Buck gives students the fir
the scavenger hunt, testing their Creek language skills.

## Immokalee Preschoolers Explore Their Creativity at Culture Department's Workshop

$\frac{\text { BY JUDY WEEKS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
IMMOKALEE (How are you?) came from the Immokalee Preschoolers as they arrived on a field trip to the Immokalee Culture Department on the morning of Dec. 13. Offering the traditional Mikasuki greeting, they were showing off the language skills
that they have been learning during daily visits by the Culthat they have been learning during daily visits by the Cul-
ture Department teachers to the preschool.
 for the necklace she is making


From left, Culture Instructor Geraldine Osceola shows Im mokalee preschoolers Joshua Dimas, Jaylynn Rodrigue
and Josie Osceola a hand crank sewing machine like and Josie Osceoia a hand crank seers.
cultural facilities to enhance the curiosity they have developed during daily classes, when they learn language, history
traditional arts and crafts, and food preparation. traditional arts and crafts, and food preparation.
Cultural instructors Geraldine Osceola, Nan and Juanitara Martinez took them on a tour that included beading, basket making, sewing, doll making, cooking and language skills. Showing a keen interest in each category, the preschoolers carefully handled the sample items and asked a
variety of questions. variety of questions.
sters demonstrated their surprise with big ful artwork being displayed on the classroom wall and recognized various teaching aids
from their language studies. from their language studies. By far the most fascinating object in the
classroom was the hand crank sewing maclassroom was the hand crank sewing ma-
chine. Taking turns, they each tried their hand chine. Taking turns, they each tried their hand
at operating the machine and were intrigued by the items that it had produced. They paid attention to the patchwork potholders and
aprons created by the older students during aprons created by the older students during
their afternoon visits.
eir afternoon visits.
Taking their places around the worktable, each student received a bag of colorful beads,
and assistance as they created their own neckand assistance as they created their own neckdefinite preferences in colors and bead combinations that resulted in some very distinctive
jewelry items. jewelry items.
Wearing their necklaces, they made another quick trip past the sewing machine
while the instructors invited them to join the fun in the afterschool programs. Before departing, they thanked their teachers with a hearty "Sho-naa-bish!" (Thank you!)


From left, Immokalee Cultural Instructors Juanita Martinez, Nancy Motlow and Geraldine Osceola extend an invitation for the Immokalee
preschoolers Joshua Dimas, Jaylynn Rodriguez, Samara Yzaguirre and preschoolers Joshua Dimas, Jaylynn Rodriguez, Samara Yzaguirre an
Makayla Mata to drop by afterschool and join in the craft projects.


Thirty two high school students from the Ahfachkee School came out to the Education Department's coile Admissions Panel on Dec. 1 at the Learning Resource Center in Big Cypress. Here, the group of youngsters are Iearning about the college choices they have at the following six higher education institutions represented: Florida State University, Florida Gulf Coast University, iTech (Immokalee Technical Center), Barry University

Higher Education Admissions Panel in Big Cypress Focuses on College Issues
$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - The Tribe's Education De partment hosted a college admissions panel dis students or the Ahfachkee School's high schoo Several higher education institutions such as Florida State University and Florida Gulf Coast
University were on hand at the Big Cypress Learning Resource Center to inform students about col-lege-related issues.
"Every one of you possesses something special," Ahfachkee School Principal Walter Swa said to 32 Ahfachkee high school students. "I've
seen it; you are all critical thinkers. You can think seen it; you are all critical thinkers. You can think
past problems and you can think past high school. I'm very honored and thankful that you're here to ask questions."
Several Ahfachkee students inquired about housing accommodations, course credits, colleg
majors, work-study job placement, bullying conmajors, work-study job placement, bullying con-
cerns and college requirements, such as taking a foreign language course at the high school level. The majority of state high schools require
taking a foreig language course such as Spanish, taking a foreign language course such as Spanish Italian or French to qualify for college. The Ah
fachkee School, however, doesn't offer that optio fachkee School,
to its students.
The Ahfachkee School's culture department teaches words, phrases and sentences in the E-la-pon-ke language - something the Tribe takes great pride in, since it's their Native way of speaking. "On your campuses, do you have a foreig language requirement?"' Ahfachkee School stu-
dent Stevie Billie asked representatives fro dent Stevie Billie asked representatives from
FSU, FGCU, Barry University, iTech (Immokalee Technical Center), Nova Southeastern University and Lynn University. "We have our own unique
add our language to your requirement?",
Representatives from iTech, Nowa South Representatives from iTech, Nova South
eastern, Lynn and Barry universities said that a eastern, Lynn and Barry universities said that
prospective college student doesn't have to mee a foreign language requirement. Meanwhile, at FSU and FGCU, at least two years of a foreign language is required for future students.
Seminole Tribe Education Director Emma Seminole Tribe Education Director Emma
Johns said the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton offers the Creek language class as in ighton offers the Creek language class as
way to meet the two-year foreign language re quirement that most colleges have in place. Johns added that the special accommodation for Brigh Ion's Tribal students was granted by the Glades County-school District, the Okechobee County Education. As for the Mikasuki language, Johns saic
preparations are currently under way for the same special accommodations to take effect for Tribal students at the Ahfachkee School and for Tribal students who go to private and public schools.
"We need to have all the Sunshine State standards in place for the State Department of Education to approve of it," Johns said. "How long i takes may depend on those who are going to write up the Mikasuki curriculum.
Nancy Iacovone, iTech workforce adviser
said she was impressed by the questions aid she was impressed by the questions the Ah-
achkee students asked at the college admissions panel function. They are a very bright group of kids," Iaco
vone said. "I want them to know this: Follow you passion and do something that you love.
Johns said the Education Johns said the Education Department wil help Tribal students follow their aspirations in help Tribal
education.
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## Ahfachkee Students Challenge Their Knowledge in Science at School's Fair



Reagan Whitecloud, who placed third in the Science Fair's high school category, created a glowing water exhibit that she put on

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS - WINNERS Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten -Class Project: 1st and 2nd Grades - Small Group Project: Elijiah Cook, Precious Jimmie, Gregario Reynosa, Liberty Robbins and Willie Smith 3rd through 6th Grades - Individual Projects: 1 Ryanne Pratt ( 104.5 points), 2. Evanne Pratt ( 102 points), 3. Nashoba Gonzalez (101.5 points), 4. Elisah Billie ( 100 points), 5. Alyssa Burnett-0sceo
la ( 99.5 points), 6 . Janessa Jones ( 97.5 points) la (99.5 points), 6 . Janessa Jones ( 97.5 points)
7th and 8th Grades - Individual Projects: 1 .
 points), 3. Haden Littlebear (107.5 points), 4 . Kaitlin Osceola ( 106.8 points), 5 . Chelsey Alvarad (101.5 points), 6 . Caititin Cypress ( 94.8 points)
9 th through 12th Grades - Individual Projets: 9th through 12th Grades - Individual Projects: (127.3 points), 3. Reagan Whitecloud (123 points) 4. Stevie Billie 111 points), 5. Ryan Cypress
(112.3 points), 6 . William Jumper ( 100.3 points)


On Nov. 17 — a day after the Nov. 16 Science Fair — Ahfachkee School science teachers Vicki Pratt, far left, and Timothy Blount, far right, congratulate the individual winners from grades third through 12


From left, before deciding to make a purchase, Mazzy Robbins, 10, and Destiny Robbins, 14, are From left, before deciding to make a purchase, Mazzy Robbins, 1. a
eading science fiction books at the Science and Book Fair Nov. 16.


Swan Kimble takes a look at the Don't Bust Your Bubble! exhibit.


Family Reading Night is a program where scholar Elita Kalma and storyteller Carol Lubetkin use stories to promote reading and discussions about the book's messages. The Immokalee families enjoyed a dinner together before the story time, which was held for four weeks in November. Prizes were won by families for their attendance at
Family Reading Night, and a Kindle was given out for the grand prize on Dec. 7 .

Immokalee Library Hosts Four-Week Family Reading Night Series
 "Coyote Steals the Blanket," "Amazing Grace," and "The True Story of the Three Little "Coyote Steals the Blanket," Amazing Grace, and "The True story of the Three Little

Wovoka Tommie Visits Tribal Boys at Big Cypress Culture Room for Speaking Session


Tribal citizen Wovoka Tommie visits the Big Cypress CulTribal citizen Wovoka Tommie visits the Big Cypress Cul-
ture Room for a speaking engagement with Tribal youth from the Boys \& Giriss Club on Nov. 18. In the hour-long cul ture session, Tommie, 34, talked about his life as a Seminole Tribal youngster in Big Cypress.


Big Cypress Culture Director Jane Billie, center, makes sure the Tribal boys from the Boys \& Girls club are enjoying their snacks as they listen to Tribal citizen Wovoka Tommie in his speaking engagement.


The Big Cypress Culture Department staff and Tribal youngsters from the Boys \& Girls Club share a moment with guest speaker Wovoka Tommie, in back, afte his Seminole culture speaking engagement finished

Elgin Jumper Visits Big Cypress for Native American Painting Workshop


Dayra Koenes, left, and Trinity Williams work on their landscape creations.


Jonah Alvarado, one of 15 Boys \& Girls Club youngsters at the Native American Painting Workshop, paints the background colors with a flat brush.


Carlee Billie puts the finishing touches on her Native American work of art.


Tribal artist Elgin Jumper, center, paid a visit Nov. 10 to Big Cypress and taught Tribal and community youngsters from the Big Cypress Boys \& Girls Club how to craft a landscape painting portrait, as part of the Native American Painting Workshop. Jumper
showed the youth his modern-day painting rendition of a part of the Big Cypress Reservation, which encompasses Josie Billie Hwy at certain landmarks such as the Ahfachkee School, the Big Cypress Trading Post and the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

## Students and Parents Attend Charter School Family Fun Night in Brighton



Teacher Mrs. Dobbs runs her citrus station giving parents and students a chance to squeeze and sample their own orange juice at the Charter School Family Fun Night Nov. 18


Tribal and community youngsters from the Boys \& Girls Club of Big Cypress get some face time with Paul 'Cowbone' Buster just after the hour-long musical performance concluded on Nov. 17. The goal was to bring together Tribal and community youth with their Tribal leaders.

Paul 'Cowbone' Buster Performs at Willie E. Frank Library


Tribal Elder Paul 'Cowbone' Buster spent the afternoon at the Big Cypress Reservation's Willie E. Frank library and performed a slew of Seminole songs for a group of Big Cypress Tribal youngsters. The Tribal and community
youth enioyed songs from their Tribal elder such as "Traveling Song," "Turtle Song," "Allegiance Shock" and youth enjoyed songs from their Tribal elder such as "Traveling Song," "Turtle Song," "Allegiance Shock" and
"Miami Billie." The performance was hosted and sponsored by the Wille E. Frank Library staff. "Miami Billie." The performance was hosted and sponsored by the Willie E. Frank Library staff


Tribal citizen and Florida Atlantic University graduate student Jarrid Smith, second from left, celebrates with his proud parents at commencement ceremonies held at the Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium on the Florida Atlantic University
campus Dec. 10. Smith received his master's degree in Communication Multimedia Studies and third degree overall. From left, father Curtis Osceola, mother Camellia Smith-Osceola and stepfather Vince Osceola.


Jarrii
uates


Jarrid Smith and Desiree Jumper after graduation.

More photos from the College Admissions Panel in Big Cypress


Stevie Billie asks the panel what the foreign language requirements are for each of their respective higher educatio institutions at the Dec. 1 event in Big Cypress.



Tatiana Herrera prepares the hog meat to be served at the traditional lunch.


Chloe Chalfant gets hands on as she places the fry bread in the skillet as culture teacher Jade Braswell supervises.


Herbert Jim traveled from Tampa to share one of his many legends about the spirits with the students.


Demetrius Clark, new to Pemayetv Emahakv, shows history teacher Mr. Pritchard how to carve cypress wood.


## Health



Health Department Dietitian Valari Fauntleroy gives Agnes Bowers a taste of raw bok choy during one of the cooking demo classes held on the Brighton Reservation.

## Health Department Promotes Healthy Living

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BRIGHTON - Throughout the year, the Seminole Health Department
has taken on several initiatives to encourage the Seminole Tribe Community towards a healthier and more ac
tive lifestyle.
"One of our strongest initiatives
that we are really trying to promote
is diabetic prevention [and] kidney health. [...] those are our biggest two initiatives,", Seminole Health Department Dietitian Valari Fauntleroy said
"Then there are the side things that go Then there are the side things that go
along with preventing diabetes and
[promoting] good kidney health, and along with preventing diabetes and
[promoting] good kidney health, and
that would be weight loss, making better health choices, making those lifestyle changes."
The Pathways
The Pathways Walking Program
was created to get Tribal members was created to get Tribal members
moving and exercising on a regular holds numerous weight loss compe-
titions, trying to get individuals motivated to make a change. Health fairs and screenings are held on all reserva-
tions to provide Tribal members with the necessary information to make a
life change. fe change.
The Brighton Health Department has begun to teach Tribal members how to modify their diets to incorpohelp reduce the cases of diabetes with in the Seminole Tribe.
ing my fellow native people and knowlot of people don't lot of people don't cook right, don't eat right, and I just think that has a lot to
do with the diabetes," Tribal member do with the diabetes," Tribal member
Larry Howard said. One way the Brighton Health Department implemented its healthy eating initiative and has tried to reduce the health resistance from Tribal members
is through a four-week cooking class. is through a four-week cooking class
The class was formed to teach healthy alternatives to their current diet.
"Really, what I'm trying to get
them to see is that you can still make
good, nutritious food that is quick and good, nutritious food that is quick and
easy, but is full of the fruits and the vegetables and all those wonderful antioxidants and all those wonderful
things that we need in order to stay things that we need in order to stay healthy," Fauntleroy said.

Fauntleroy changed up the menu to include a variety of meal options,
varying from stir-fry, to pasta and even varying from stir
fish and chips.
"I'm looking to give them some
ideas of things that they can make ideas of things that they can make at home instead of going out to the res-
taurants," she said. Faurants," she said.
theroy and the Health De Fauntleroy and the Health De
partment also offer regular nutrition consultations as a way to teach alternative eating habits. They believe that the more people know about nutrition and about health, the more likely they are to make those positive changes one
step at a time.
For more information, call the For more information, call the
Health Department at 863-763-0271.

## Motivational Speaker Devin T. Robinson X Hosts Worlds AIDS Day Presentation in Big Cypress

$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BIG CYPRESS - Students from the Ahfachkee Chool were challenged by motivational speaker Devin T. Robinson X to meet or surpass their expectations at a
World AIDS Day presentation on Dec. 3 . World AIDS Day presentation on Dec. 3.
Held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big
Cypress, Robinson X had the youngsters complete a Cypress, Robinson X had the youngsters complete a
free-throw shooting exercise. According to Robinson, the purpose of this exercise was for the students to set their own expectations through shooting free throws.
the They engaged in two free-throw shooting seg-

- one with their eyes opened for 30 seconds and other with their eyes closed for 45 seconds.
"Everything you will have to do in life will in "Everything you will have to do in life will invon beaing "This is how life goes. You have to expect
son X said of yourself to be a successful person."

For example, in the free-throw challenge, Ahfach-
eighth-grader and participant Sabre Billie was kee eighth-grader and participant Sabre Billie was expected by her classmates to make only three free throws
with her eyes closed in 45 seconds. However, Billie exeeded their expectations and made three shots in five seconds and nine overall in 45 seconds.
"We have expectations of ourselves and of our
".

free-throw session ended. "They could either lead you to success or lead you to death." Robinson X urged the Ahfachkee youngsters to and drunk driving.
sure on you,", Robinson X said. "No watler beal presfriends do, always choose the right thing"" what your Robinson X performed a comedy skit entitled "I Never Wanted to Be." It featured a fictional high school
student named student named Tyrone Bigham, considered a fast runsports such peers. Encouraged by friends to try out for decided to play football instead. Bigham, who dreamed of playing football for the University of whiami and being on ESPN, was later encouraged by a friend to try marijuana. At first, Bigham
refused to give it a try Bigham then turned to crack and cocaine further into his high school career, a move that ultimately derailed his prospects of a college football scholarship.
When ESPN came to meet with Bigham, they no ticed that he was missing football practices and had lost some of his athleticism. Eventually, it was discovered Some of his athleticism. Eventually, it was discovered
that the use of drugs through needles contributed to
Bigham's contraction of AIDS. The decisions he has Bigham's contraction of AIDS. The decisions he has made cut short his dreams of playing col-
lege and professional football. lege and professional football.
"I got HIV, but I never wanted to be this way,", Robinson X said playing
Bigham, while coughing and stuttering Bigham, while coughing and stuttering.
"Don't look at me as a victim. I just didn't have anyone to talk to me about it. I took so many drugs and could never control my
body. But you could be anything you want body. But you could be anything you want
in the whole world. Just don't be me." in the whole world. Just don't be me."
To conclude the skit and presentation, Robinson X encouraged the students to consider others before making decisions
in life. in life.
"You have a unique gift in life right
ow and it's called youth" now and it's called youth," Robinson X
said. "It could either benefit you or hurt said. "It could either benefit you or hurt
you. If you consider your parents and foyou. If you consider your parents and fo-
cus on making the best decisions, you will The Ahfachkee School's seventh and eighth grade students were one of always come out victorious in your life." three groups to participate in a World AIDS Day presentation

World AIDS Day
guest
speaker
 Devin T. Robinson
X and the Tribe's Allied Health Department share
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Gymnasium in Gymnasium
Big Cypress.


What's That Smell? - Know the Air You Breathe is always a coils. Remember that it is always a good idea to have the It is much easier and cheaper to maintain the unit as opposed to curing the resulting problems. Change the filter on a monthly basis for optimum indoor air qual ity. This will lessen the chance of
mold growth on the coils and in uilt up dust/debris on the coils. As side the ducts. Stay warm, and en ould go away, usually within 30 joy a healthy, comfortable home the unit continues to run, the odors
should go away, usually within 30


Preschool and Fitness Department staff works on stretching exercises with the 3 -year-old students before beginning activi fies at the latest Hollywood Preschool Get Fit Day at the Seminole softball fields Nov. 19.
Hollywood Preschoolers Learn How to Get Fit


Lania Bert concentrates to complete the hopscotch course.
Preschoolers enjoy a day full of activities at Get Fit Day.


Fitness Department staff guide the preschoolers through various exercises.


Mrs. Ronda Byers, head teacher of the 3-year-old class, assists Jeremiah,
left, and Lorenna Osceola in the bean bag toss.
 stretch ineir arms du
Nov. 15 in Big Cypress


Lavin Billie, 3, navigates his way through a road map at Get Fit Day function.


Photo above, Laylah Billie, 3, goes through the kids' maze at Get Fit Day. Right photo, Tia Billie, 2 and Seminole Fitness Trainer Cathy Cypress ride i
the coaster relay race.

Seminole Fitness, Preschool Join Forces for Second Circuit of Get Fit Day


Seminole Fitness Trainer Mijail Iglesias leads the way as he directs 3-year-old preschoolers Darwin Brooks and Rylen Billie to jump over the Hula-Hoops at the kids' circuit in the Get Fit Day function on Nov. 15.

## Know These Important Facts About Diabetes

STOF HEALTH DEPARTMENT
November is National Diabetes Awareness
month. Diabetes is a serious disease with many month. Diabetes is a serious disease, with many
possible complications. Many people have seen the possible complications. Many people have seent
devastating effects it can have on a family member or friend. It is estimated that one in every three children born in 2000 will develop diabetes if changes are not made. Prevention is the biggest key we have to successfully avoid this by acknow
and working together to help each other.
The Seminole Tribe of Florida is committed to preventing and actively controlling diabetes. This


Virginia Tommie checks her blood sugar with Lance Vaz Big Cypress Health Educator.

Days at the clinic (check your local reservation fo date and time), one-on-one counseling session at the clinic. Programs such as Pathways Walkins program, Rez Rally and the upcoming Pedomete contest are also directed to helping Tribal member walks, comilies move more through local weekly cise activities. Blo walks, and participation in exer and available at the health clinic and monthly at th Senior Center. A person can have diabetes withou having any symptoms and may go undiagnose for years, but it is important to know the commo

1. Frequently having to go to the bathroom Feeling very thirsty
Being tired for no reason
2. Eating more than usual
3. Weight loss that is not usual or intended 7. Sores or infections that will not heal. pointment to see your doctor Thems, make an ap pointment to see your doctor. Therwajor risk factors
for diabetes include being overweight, not having enough physical activity, age greater than 45 and risk factors you have control over to make better One of the most effective ways to lower your ris
for diabetes is weight loss if you are for diabetes is weight loss if you are overweight
You can work towards this by eating a healthy die You can work towards this by eating a healthy die
of vegetables, whole grains, low-fat meats and milk of vegetables, whole grains, low-fat meats and miny
and staying active at least 30 minutes for many days
a week Another way to reduce your risk is to mak a week. Another way to reduce your risk is to mak
a plan to quit smoking if you are a smoker. Remember, making healthy choices is a lifestyle, not a diet
For more information, visit American Diabetes Association's website for the Native America programs/native-american-programs/.

## Learn How to Protect Your Pets from Contracting the Parvovirus aka PARVO

BY JONATHAN VAZQUEZ
Animal \& Wildlife Services Supervisor
Due to recent confirmation of Parvo in neighboring areas I have been asked to provide informaon for public awareness. Parvo is a very infectious disease of dogs. It primarily a disease of young dogs less than 1 year old. Certain breeds including Rottweiler, German shepherds, beagles, American pit bull terriers and Dobermans appear to be more prone to infection than other dogs.

> Symptoms The symptoms of Parvo incl

The symptoms of Parvo include high fever, loss of appetite, lethargy, vomiting, depression, de-
hydration and severe and bloody diarrhea. In the most severe and rare cases, puppies can have sudden heart failure. Parvo symptoms mimic other viral bowel diseases including Canine Coronavirus. Blood and stool work must be conducted in order
Transmission
Parvo is transmitted by unvaccinated dogs coming into contact with infected dogs, infected stool (the virus is shed in stool) or an infected environment such as a kennel. Dogs that have recovered from Parvo (and show no symptoms) can continue to shed the virus periodically in their feces. Dog of the virus. The Parvo virus is ingested and makes its way into the blood stream and into the rapidlydividing cells of the body including the lining of the intestines. In the intestines, it can destroy various cells causing diarrhea and upset and allowing bacteria to invade the rest of the body
Disinfection
The virus is surprisingly difficult to kill and resists many types of disinfectants. It can survive for months on infected surfaces. A solution of one part bleach to 30 parts water can be used to clean any
surfaces that could be contaminated. Make sure to use all chemicals for their intended purpose and to remove any food or water bowls from infected areas. Those items removed from the area being cleaned and disinfected should also be disinfected as they may contain the virus.

The virus can exist on your shoes if you walk
hrough infected areas, your hands or other areas. Wheng infected areas, your hands or other areas. leashes, etc. use bleach and hot water in the washing machine. If an item such as a toy or leash cancommercially available disinfectants that will kill Parvo. If an infected dog has been in the yard, it is best to keep unvaccinated dogs and puppies out of the yard for a year. Vaccinations
Puppies can receive some antibody protec-
tion (although this can we weal tion (although this can be weak) from the mother. However, this protection is limited and can, oddly,
interfere with Parvo vaccinations. Therefore, interfere with Parvo vaccinations. Therefore, par-
ticularly in areas where Parvo is prevalent, puppies need to be kept away from strange dogs and environments (dog parks, kennels) until they have completed the entire course of vaccinations ( 16 to
20 weeks, or 4 to 5 months) 20 weeks, or 4 to 5 months). By that time, the maantibody is working There are several known strains of Parvo. Currently, the most effective vaccinations appear to be the live versions (weakened version of the virus itself), which should cover all the known strains.
A puppy that is displaying these symptoms no particular treatment to eliminate the virus; the symptoms need to be attended to. Sick puppies will require IV fluids to maintain water and electrolyte balance and possibly antibiotics to prevent secondary bacterial infections. They may need to be treattimes, the incidence of death can be as high as $30-$ 40 percent. Generally, with immediate veterinary assistance, the majority of puppies can recover. Puppies that survive the first 2-3 days generally re(rice for they recover, they can be fed a bland diet food available from your vet.
In most cases your dog is not just a pet; it is a family member that requires attention, interacvisit to the veterinarian's office can help ensure the
viter and and and health of your pet.

## Health Department Promotes

 a Healthy Lifestyle with Play it Safe ProgramEach year, Dec. 1 is recognized as our official Worlc AIDS day. This is a time when educators come together
to raise awareness of the HIV epidemic, to increase HIV education and to promote HIV prevention. Dec. 12010 will mark the 23rd annual World AIDS day AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
is a life threatening condition caused by the HIV or the is a life threatening condition caused by the HIV or the
human immunodeficiency virus. The virus is transmitted through infected blood, semen, vaginal fluids or breast
milk. These fluids must enter your body through risky milk. These fluids must enter your body through risky
behaviors such as sharing needles with an HIV infected person, unprotected sex with an HIV infected person or an HIV infected mother breastfeeding her child. You cannot become infected by casual contact. Once the virus is transmitted, you may remain
symptom-free for years. If the virus continues to remain symptom-free for years. If the virus continues to remain
untreated, it multiplies and will destroy the body's im-
mune cells mune cells. A person may begin to notice an increase in mild infections, swollen lymph nodes, diarrhea, weight
loss, fever, cough, or shortness of breath oss, fever, cough, or shortness of breath. gresses to AIDS in about 10 years. During that 10 -year period, your immune system has been severely damaged You will be susceptible to many opportunistic infec tions. Symptoms of these infections might include night
sweats, chronic chills or fever higher than sweats, chronic chills or fever higher than 100 degrees,
cough, shortness of breath, chronic diarrhea, mouth lecough, shortness of breath, chronic diarrhea, mouth le-
sions, headaches, persistent fatigue, blurred vision, skin rashes and weight loss

There is no known cure for AIDS and no vaccine to prevent an HIV infection. You can protect yourself by
abstaining from behaviors that would leave you at risk
for HIV transmission for HIV transmission
based lubricant only.

- Never reuse or share a needle with anyone. Properly dispose of any needle to reduce the risk of injury to others. HIV tests are available through all Seminole health clinics. The tests are easy and confidential. If you do not utilize a Seminole health clinic, please visit hivtest.org to locate the nearest HIV test facility.
ed the Seminole community with HIV/AIDS awareness program entitled Play it Safe.





## Announcements

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



## POEMS

## "Daydreaming"

Your eyes are alive and oh, so blue. I see you but I'm unknown to you. Maybe one day you'll see my face If ever you saw me standing No, never mind why should you I see your smile inside my head, So clear to me and I forget Why I'm always feeling blue Every time I think of you.
There things have all been said There things have all been said
before, So I'll stop here and say no more. "On a High"
Alex TUCKER
O.D.B./OTTER CLAN Hollywood REZ

## IN MEMORIAM

Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home \& Crematory 4550 Highway 441 North
Okeechobee Florida 34972 Phone: 863-357-7283 Fax: 863-357-3696

Mildred B. Bowers, age 71, died Saturday, Novem 20, 2010, at Hollywood Regional Hospital. Being born on the Brighton Reservation, she re sided there for 35 years before relocating to Hollywoo ida. She was a member of the Baptist faith

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella
urvivors include a daughter, Paula (Tony) Bow

## THANK YOU

He's got the little bitty babies, in his hands, he's got Prince Nahki Santana Billie, in his hands, he's gouching the life you made with a merciful hand. We
tor already owe you everything so please put this at the
top of our tab. Yes Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me top of our tab. Yes Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me
so! We as parents never plan one day in our lives to
 be prepared for
a blow as hurtful and as hartto stomach like
that of a very ill that of a very ill
child. Much less child. Much less
the seed of a child you planted. My son was a warrior and never cried
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time in the hospitime in the hospi-
tal. He is still very much sick but your prayers and
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ers-Sanchez of Estero, Fla.;
grandsons, Jesse Sanchez, Jeremy and Quannah grandsons, Jesse Sanchez, Jeremy and Quannah
owers, and Brett Green; great-grandchildren, Chesna Bowers, and Brett Green; great-grandchildren, Chesna
Bowers, Quannah Bowers II, Luxie Billie; brother, Andrew (Kay) Bowers, Jr. of Brighton; sisters, Elsie Bowrs of Hollywood, Martha Jones and Lorene Gople f cousins, nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held Tues., Nov. 23, at Or-
All arrangements were under the care and direcFuneral Home , 4550 Hwy. 441 N., Okeechobee, FL Funeral Home, 4550 Hwy. 441 N., Okeechobee, FL, 863-357-7283.

he is an angel on earth. He is my precious son and as a father I am proud of his strength which is far beyond my own. Thank you for your prayers,
love, and all the messages we received in a hurtful time. Thank you for giving him the best mother, grandparents, older sissy and brothers imaginable.

From: Markel, Melinda, \& King Sy Billie. Lynn, Wayne, \& Nolan Mulligan

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## NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affair (BIA) has issued a Finding of Significant (BIA) has issued a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction
and lease of a home for Nellie Bain, on a 1.5 and lease of a home for Nellie Bain, on a 1.5 the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida. New the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida. New home construction is intended to help alleviate the current housing shortage for Tribal
members. The BFA has approved and adopted members. The BFA has approved and adopted
the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated
November 20 I 0, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Environmental Assessment, Nellie Bain Home Site Lease, Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and FONSI issued for the approval of home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BFA has
approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office or the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6365 Taft Street, Suite 3008, Hollywood, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965-4380.
APPEALS: "This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made." For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615)564-6832. Superintendent, Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs
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## Sports

## Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Friends Pay Tribute to Michele Cypress at Pool Tournament

BY NAJI TOBPorter
BIG CYPRESS ality time with Scores of pool players man Mitchell Cypress and his family Chairninth annual Michele Cypress Memorial Pool Tournament from Nov. 26-27.
In honor of the late Michele Cypress, In honor of the late Michele Cypress,
family members at several pool tables took to
their sticks and hit their sticks and hit a ceremonial first shot in
unity just before the 8 -Ball tournament began unity just before the 8 -Ball tournament began
on Nov. 27 - the second day of competition. "Let the games begin," David Cypress
id to the field of about 60 pool competitors


David Cypress, left, and Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress, far right, cel ebrate with the women's 8 -Ball top winners at the tournament. The top five places from right of David Cypress, are: Hollywood's Juanita Osceola (fifth place), Brigh-
ton's Theresa Nunez (fourth place), Big Cypress's Louise Osceola (third place), Hollywood's Phalyn Osceola (second place) and Hollywood's Laura Clay (first place).

And break they did, as each of the contestants displayed sheer skill and focus in the battle for first place in the women's and men's categories of the 8 -Ball tournament.
Big Cypress senio Bird Clan Tribal citizen Louise Osceola, a finished third in the women's 8 -Ball double-

"Michele was always ments together "Michele was always right behind me,
Chairman Cypress said of his late daughter "She started picking up the stick at 13 year She started picking up the stick at 13 years
old. Once she learned the game, there would be a high chance you would see her at a tournament. That's what she loved to do,"
He announced that He announced that next year's tourna-


Before the women's and men's 8 -Ball competition of the ninth annual Michele Cypress Pool Tournament began on Nov. 27, David Cypress took time to thank each of the approximately 70 pool competitors for coming out to play and pay tribute to his
late niece. te niece.
onor of Michele and Angie Cypress. The annual tournament will be re-named have now passed away.
up a pool stick Angie was followed her older sister's steps," Chairman Cypress said. "Both of them would go out and compete against each other in pool tournaments, but they still loved each
The Chairman was also happy about the birth of his infant daughter, Nichele Brandy ypress. Nichele was born this year, on Oct. "Bless my newborn baby," Chairman Cya fantastic day and I'm proud of it."

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## Reservations Go Head to Head in Golf Rez Challenge



Photo above, Ricky Doctor switches reservations for the day, as he plays for Team Brigh-
ton, to even out players.

Right photo, Allen Huff o Right photo, Allen Huff of
Brighton hits the ball out
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The Fort Pierce Seminoles 90-pound team finishes their season as the Orange Bowl runner-up after losing 6-0 to the Dania
Fort Pierce Seminoles Youth Football Season Ends in Orange Bowl Championship Game

BY NAJI TOBIAS
IIAMI - The 2010 football season for the Fort 130- and 145-pound units. Three of those teams - the $75-, 90$ - and 130-pou
ads - qualified for the Orange Bowl playoffs. Only one, however, advanced to the Dec. 12 Or Unge Bowl Championship Game a

The Fort Pierce Seminoles' organization, headed by Fort Pierce Tribal citizen/President Alexander
'Head' Tommie, sent its 90 -pound team to face off 'Head' Tommie, sent its 90 -pound team to face off
against the Dania Beach Bears in the title matchup. A scoreless tie at halftime turned into a $6-0$ loss
a for the Seminoles as an onside kick in the third quarter, later followed by a 1 -yard touchdown run from Dania
Beach running back A.J. Reliford, decided the champiship game's outcome. "We held our ground as long as we could," Fort
Pierce Seminoles 90 -pound head coach Gary Copeland Pierce Seminoles 90 -pound head coach Gary Copeland
said. "I just wasn't ready for that onside kick to begin said. "I just wasn"t ready for that onside kick to begin
the second half. That kind of threw me off guard and Fort Pierce was in prime position to take the lead into halftime, as the Seminoles' offense made a late
push to the Dania Beach 10-yard line with 56 second push to the Dania Beach
left in the second quarter
But after an incomplete pass, the buzzer sounded, Orange Bowl title

We just didn't execute," Copeland said.
Nonetheless, Copeland was proud that his team it as far as it did this season.
give up much on defense," said Copeland, whose
90 -pound team gave up just 26 total points to its oppo90 -pound team gave up just 26 total points to its oppo-
nents this season. "We faced and beat undefeated teams nents this season. "We faced and beat undefeated teams
at different points in the season. I just wish we had all of our players at this game."
Fort Pierce's 90 -pound team last reached the OrFort Pierce's 90
ange Bowl in 2008 .
"We practiced really hard this season," Copeland said. "The kids played their hearts out and didn't quit.
All I can say is that we're going to go at it again next year and bring the championship trophy home." year and bring the championship trophy home""
Tommie, the Fort Pierce Seminoles’ 140 -pound team head coach, offered his take on how the season turned out for the 90 -pound unit and the entire orga-
nization. nization.
"This has been the most successful season in the history of our program," Tommie said of the Fort Pierce Seminoles' organization. "We sent five teams to the city conference championships, something that has never happened in its 11 years of existence. This year, ou
90 -pound team was the backbone of our program. It's 90 -pound team was the backbone of our program. It's
big accomplishment what they did." big accomplishment what they did."
The Fort Pierce Seminoles comp
the Glades Tri-City Youth Football Conference, which included organizations such as the Pahokee Baby Blue Devils, the Glades Glen Browns, the Glades Youth Panthers, the Moore Haven Mighty Terriers and the The Glades Tri-City Yg.
Ther
The Glades Tri-City Youth Football Conference Championships were played on Nov. 13 at Anquan
Boldin Stadium in Pahokee, with the Orange Bowl Boldin Stadium in Pahokee, with the Orange B
Playoffs taking place on Dec. 4 at the same venue. "The coaching staff has been tremendous for our
kids," Tommie said. "The record speaks for itself Now, kids," Tommie said. "The record speaks for itself. Now
we just want to keep a winning tradition here."

## Ahfachkee Warriors Basketball Program Makes Tribal History in Inaugural Season

Lady Warriors go into home stretch with 4-1 record, while Warriors seek their first win of the season
$\frac{\text { BY NAJI TOBIAS }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
For the first time in Tribal sports history, a Semie school has fielded a Florida High School Ath With half of its ineugral season program. oks, the Ahfachkee Warriors girls' and boys' bas books, the Ahfachkee Warriors girls' and boys' bas-
ketball teams - based on the Big Cypress Reservation - have achieved a slew of milestones without focus-
ing solely on the won-loss record.
Road Warriors Experience in Moore Haven In the program's first-ever basketball girls' and boys' games - played on Nov. 29 against the Moore
Haven Terriers in Moore Haven - Terri Baker scored Haven Terriers in Moore Haven - Terri Baker scored
the first two points in Ahfachkee Lady Warriors' history, as she hit a pair of free throws early in the firs quarter.
Over on the boys' end, Ahfachkee Warriors player Taylor Pratt scored the team's first-ever points on a hree-point shot in the first quarter of their road game Ahfachkee's teams lost to Moore Haven, as the girls were edged by the Lady Terriers, 43-41, after taking a 24-18 halftime lead. The boys, meanwhile, were defeated by the Terriers, 7 -23. For the girls, Baker led the Lady Warriors with
26 points, while Stevie Billie led all Warriors with 14 26 points, while Stevie Bilie led all warriors with 14
points in their losses to Moore Haven.
"We only
"We only played together for a month before our first game, and we were out of shape," Baker said. "We have mostly eighth and ninth graders on our team, but we're coming along.",
Ahfachkee Lady Warriors' head coach Kristin Stoots said the team was nervous before heading out
to play for the first time but was happy with the effort o play for the first time but was happy with the effort
he girls showed on the court in Moore Haven. "They hustled to the ball and played solid de-
fense," Stoots said of the Lady Warriors."I'm


Ahfachkee Lady
Warriors head coach Kristen Stoots, center, and assistant
Hope Baker give Hope Baker give
the girls a pep talk in a girls a pep tatak their Nov. 29 game against the Moore
Haven Lady Terriers.

Fourth Annual Bike Race at Brighton Recreation Gets Tribal Members Moving


Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. gives a wave as he finishes his 5.8 mile bike ride. Brighton Recreation hosted their fourth annual bike race Nov. 20 with a tition with the seniors biking 5.8 miles and the adults biking 12.8 miles.


Jenny Johns crosses the finish line in her age group.


Elton Shore races in without slowing down, finishing
first in his age category with an amazing time of 41:04.


Raymond Garza Sr. traveled from Immokalee to participate in the fourth annual bike race.


Avalon Puente paces herself during her ride and reaches the finish line in 1:01:01.

November Classic Tourney Crowns Champs in Three Divisions
 Left photo, Jose Puente Jr. looks for a teammate to throw the in-bounds during 9-and-under Hollywood versus Hollywood co-ed action held at the Hollywood Recreation Gym Nov. 6. Right photo, 13-and-under co-ed champions - Miccosukee.


17-and-under girls' champions - Hollywood Seminoles, from left, Kris ten Billie, Chassidy Harjochee and Courtney Osceola (not pictured are Tianna Young and Jewel Buck)


17-and-under boys' champions - Woods Haven Prep


Coaches Discuss 77th Discover Orange Bowl

2011 Orange Bowl Head Coaches Jim Harbaugh, left, of the Stanford Cardinal and Frank Beamer of the atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia Tech Hokies share a moment together for the Orange Bowl
Kick-Off news conference held at the Hard Rock poolside Dec. 8. The two schools will play in the 77th Discover Orange Bowl game to be held at SunLife Stadium on Jan 3. it is the first meeting between the two schools.
Broncos Win OCRA Jr. Pee Wee Championship


The football team, the Broncos, captured the OCRA Junior Pee Wee Championship title Nov. 20 in Okeechobee. Tribal citizens James Madrigal and wife Sheila, along with Ridge Runner Airboats,
sponsored the team and helped them go all the way. Tribal children among the team were Trevor sponsored the team and helped them go all the way. Tribal children among the team were Trevon
Thomas, $i$, Jarrett Mills, Leon Jones, Austin Spano, Ozzy Osceola, Silas Madrigal. Middlle row, Arom left, Bracen
Harvey, Kyle Palmisano, Hunter Sills, Kevin Townsend, Darian Deck and Dylan Sheffield. Back row Harvey, Kyle Palmisano, Hunter Sills, Kevin Townsend, Darian Deck and Dylan Sheffield. Back row,
from left, coach Jimmy Mills, team sponsors Sheila and James Madrigal, coach Gene Thomas and coach Bobby Steiert. -Rachel Buxton

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| Jan 6 | Cape Coral | Ahfachkee | 4:30 pm |
| Jan 7 | St John Neuman | Ahfachkee | 5:30 pm |
| Jan 18 | Moore Haven | Ahfachkee | 4:30 pm |
| Jan 25 | Labelle | Ahfachkee | 4:30 pm |


 Family of the late R R
Tournament Nov. 19

## Late Tribal Leader Remembered at Rosie Billie Pool Tournament

$\frac{\text { BY RACHEL BUXTON }}{\text { Staff Reporter }}$
BRIGHTON - Community members from all reservations paid homage to a late Tribal leade
and dear friend at the Rosie Billie Memorial Poo and dear friend at the Rosie Billie Memorial Poo
Tournament.
The event was organized at the Brighton gym The event was organized at the Brighton gym
with the seniors and kids competing on Nov. 19 and the adults rounding it out on Nov. 24
shooting pool," said Emma Urbina, daughter of resented Brighton in the Tribal Council, serving as the late Rosie Billie. Urbina's brother, Weems Buck, also remem-
bers his days growing up in the pool halls unbers his days growing up in the pool halls un-
derneath the pool tables as his mother honed her shooting skills. "Now after she passed away, we hard on adding recreation events within her coryhooted to have an annual event in her honor," munity. Billie is quoted as saying she didn't know ack said. "So, here it is. This is our second year." but saw community needs for a gymnasium, Billie played a vital role within her Tribal among other things. She also said that women "She cared for everything, especially
the youth," Buck said.
, when Billie's family realized they wouldn't have enough money for the kids to compete in the tournament, they began organizing fundraisers, to include them. "Her main goal was to bring the
kids back," Urbina said. "We didn't have enough money and they only give you so
much money to deal with. So, that's why we raised the money and put out $\$ 2,000$ for these kids. So we wouldn't leave them
out." ${ }^{\text {out }}$ The last few years of her life Billie strong up until the very end when she lost her battle in October 1998.
This year marked the second annual Rosie Billie Pool Tournament, and her family said they hope to see it grow and to strong inspirational and Tribal leader that
she was. d was to come together and just enjoy each other," Urbina said. She wanted to [reservations] just come around and have
 taught him how to shoot pool during their visits to the pool hall.

Annual Randall Huggins Memorial ‘Big Ballers’ Tournament Is Another Success


Norman Huggins and son Lucas welcome participants and guests to the seventh annual Randall Huggins Memorial 'Big Ballers' 'Basketball Tournament held in his late
son's honor at the Hollywood Recreation Gym and other son's honor at the Hollywood Recreation Gym and other
various locations Dec. 2-4.
 Tribar citizen Travis Osceola shoots against the
clock clock during action in the 3 -point contest.



Three-time defending champions Big Town join members of the Huggins family, far left. The All-Indian double elimination event featured dozens of talented Native teams from the
West Coast, Midwest, East Coast and Canada, vying for thousands in cash prizes, gift bags, trophies and sweat shirts.


Pro pool player Corey Deuel took a break from his tour schedule Nov. 19 to spend some time with the Brighton youth and to teach them a few shooting skills at the Brighton gym.

## Pro Pool Player Corey Deuel Instructs Brighton Youth



Professional pool player Corey Deuel works with Courtney Gore on hand position Nov. 19 at the Brighton gym.


Shae Pierce gets a lesson on bank shots from professional pool player Corey Deuel Nov. 19 at the Brighton gym.


Big Cypress Tribal elder Texas Billie competes in the men's 8 -Ball tournament.


Immokalee's Raymond Garza Sr. in 8-Ball play.
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Outdoor Game Held in Fort Myers Perhaps the most interesting game of the season thus far took place on Dec. 7, a road contest against Cape Coral
Christian. The Ahfachkee Warriors girls' and boys' teams Christian. The Ahfachkee Warriors girls' and boys' teams
played outdoors under a barn at the Lee County Parks and Recreation's Schandler Hall in Fort Myers.

The Lady Warriors outlasted Cape Coral Christian 44 19, with Baker leading the team with 23 points, nine rebounds, eight steals, five blocks and four assists. Osborne added eight
points, three assists, two steals, two blocks and a rebound in the 25 -point win, as the Lady Warriors moved to a 3-1 record. "It's the first outdoor high school game I've ever seen and been a part of," head coach Stoots said. "The girls played
really well and I was proud of their hustle. They're being really well and I was proud of their hustle. They're being
much more patient on offense and are making steals on defense. It was a well-played effort on both sides of the ball." The Ahfachkee Warriors boys' team, meanwhile, dropped a 65-23 decision to Cape Coral Christian that gave them a 0-3 record. Pratt led all boys' scores with eight points, while Ryan
Cypress and Billie added six each "Sometimes, you have to face the elements," Ahfach-
kee Warriors student activities" coordinator Randall Cleckler said. "But I'm very proud of the way the girls and boys stepped up to the challenge. They've been fighting like warRoad Game in LaBelle Finishes Season’s First Half The final road game of the season, a Dec. 11 date with
the LaBelle Cowboys, proved to be a hard-earned win for the Lady Warriors, a 37-34 victory that moved them to 4-1 for
the season.
Osborne, who led the Lady Warriors with 18 points for that game, briefly discussed how her team pulled off the win. "It's good that we stayed in the game and hustled hard the whole time, Osbo the Once that happened ourrythin ended up working out in our favor." The Ahfachkee boys were outscored by LaBelle, 58-17 as they go into their January 2011 home stretch with a 0-4 "Although the boys are small in number, they're really big in heart," Cleckler said. "Despite their win-loss record,
they"re going to battle and stay in each game until the finish. Fundamentals will be stressed and they'll continue to improve."
The Home Stretch

Both Warriors teams have four games remaining, which Both Warriors teams have four games remaining, whe
are at at home in the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium. A pep rally and bonfire is scheduled for Jan. 3 at the Big
Cypress Softball Field to get fans of the Ahfachkee Warriors amped up for their first home game in program history Jan. 4 rematch with Grace Academy. According to Cleckler, only the boys will be suiting up for that game.
girls' and boys, Jan. 7 date with St. test. Two more pep rallies are scheduled for Jan 17 and 24 which will get fans hyped up for the final two games of the season - a Jan. 18 date with Moore Haven and the Jan. 25 season finale against LaBelle.
"When these teams come to our home, we're going to win," Osborne said. "With Moore Haven, we could've beaten them in our first game, but we gave up at the end. Now
we have a mindset that we can keep going. If we play as a team and stick together, then we're going to win the rest of our games."


In the Dec. 2 Ahfachkee Lady Warriors game against St. John Newmann, Reagan Whitecloud, left, tries to get past Bryce Osceola, right, who plays defense.

## AHFACHKEE WARRIORS TEAM ROSTERS Note: Plavers are listed in alphabetical order

 Lady Warriors - Girls Warriors - Boys| Terri Baker | Roderick Bert |
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| Sabre Billie | Corbin Billie |
| Caitlin Cypress | Stevie Billie |
| Dasani Cypess | Quenton Cypress |
| Michaela Cypress | Ryan Cypress |
| Mika Lopez | Haden Littlebear |
| Tia Osborne | Taylor Pratt |

Tia Osborne
Reagan Whitecloud
Head Coach: Kristin Stoots Assistant Coach: Hope Baker

Head Coach: Antonio Wright Assistant Coach: Cicero Osceola

## Student Activities Coordinator: Randall Cleckler

 Principal: Walter Swan Ahfachkee's Stevie Billie, right, drives toward


Ahfachkee's Taylor Pratt makes the first ever ucket for the boys in a Nov. 29 game agains Moore Haven.



The Fort Pierce Seminoles, left, and the Pahokee Baby Blue Devils 140-pound teams face off in a Nov. 13 game at Anquan Boldin Stadium in Pahokee.

FORT PIERCE SEMINOLES FINAL TEAM RECORDS AND RESULTS

75-pound team: 7-3 final record; lost to Dania Beach Bears, 26-0, in Orange Bowl 90-pound team: 12-2 final record; defeated Glades Youth Panthers, 41-0 in Glades and City (Miami) Colts, 12-6 in Orange Bowl Playoffs on Dec. 4; lost to Dania Beach 120-pound team: 5-6 final record; lost to Pahokee Baby Blue Devils, 28-0, in Glades Tri-City Youth Football Conference Championship Game on Nov. 13. 130-pound team: 10-2 final record; defeated Glades Youth Panthers, 40-6, in Glades Tri-City Youth Football Conference Championship Game on Nov. 13; did not 145-pound team: 9-2 play in Oral record; lost to Pawl Playoffs. 145-pound team: 9-2 inal iecors Glades Tri-City Youth Football Conference Championship Game on Nov. 13.


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    There are many factors that can put your children more at risk for injury during the holiday season. This includes home decorations such as Christmas trees, lights and toys. Here are some sim-
    ple precautions that can help make sure that your children have fun and safe holiday.

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    pose safety hazards to younger children. If older siblings receive pose safety hazards to younger children. If older siblings receive
    toys with small parts, keep them away from younger children in the house; this can pose a fatal hazard.
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    If suffocation, before they become deadly playthings.
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